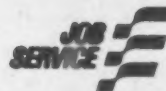


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Connecticut employment increased by 12,700 jobs during September, unemployment declined, and higher personal income were among other improvements in the economy, according to State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total employment reached 1,669,100 in September, up from 1,656,400 during August (page 2). It represents a gain (1.2%) of 20,300 jobs from last year's employment of 1,648,800. Manufacturing employment was up 7,000 from August to 372,600. Each of the durable goods categories improved and there were scattered increases or unchanged categories in the nondurable areas. Nonmanufacturing added 5,700 jobs, including gains in retail trade, government and health services. Eleven labor market areas had higher monthly employment which declined in three and was steady in Stamford (pages 5 & 6).

Weekly wages of factory production workers at \$450.66 were the highest since April for a longer 42-hour workweek, while hourly earnings went up eight-cents to \$10.73 (page 3). Last year's weekly and hourly earnings stood at \$441.60 and \$10.59, respectively, for a 41.7 hour week. Computed for straight-time, weekly wages in September were \$410.80, up from \$406.40 last year. Employment in construction paid the highest wage, \$646.27 weekly, followed by transportation equipment, \$538.14; chemicals, \$525.81 and machinery, \$513.09. Bristol area workers received the highest weekly pay, \$536.07, with New London/Norwich second at \$518.67; Middletown, \$492.25; Norwalk, \$488.84; Hartford, \$487.77 and New Britain, \$480.48 (page 6).

Unemployment: September's actual unemployment estimate was 51,100 (2.9%), down from 54,500 (3.1%) in August and the same 2.9 percent rate for September a year ago (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate remained at 3.1 percent. It was 3.2 in 1987. The nation's actual unemployment rate was 5.2 percent seasonally adjusted to 5.4 percent in September. With the exception of Norwalk where the 2.2 percent rate was unchanged and Danbury with a one-tenth increase, all other labor markets had lower unemployment over the month. The estimates include people receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose unemployment payments expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Improvement was recorded in several other areas of the economy (page 7), with personal income of state residents at a new record monthly high of \$5-billion, 427-million, fewer initial (first-time) claims for unemployment benefits and increased manufacturing output.

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Findings of a July 1988 Connecticut wage survey in selected occupations are attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Sept. 1988 (P)	Aug. 1988 (R)	Sept. 1987 (R)	% Change Sept. '88 over Aug. '88	% Change Sept. '88 over Sept. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,669,100*	1,656,400*	1,648,800*	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Manufacturing.....	372,600*	365,600*	382,800*	+ 1.9	- 2.7
Durable.....	276,300*	269,300*	286,800*	+ 2.6	- 3.7
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,400	7,400	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals.....	13,000	12,700	13,200	+ 2.4	- 1.5
Fabricated Metals.....	42,800*	41,400*	42,900*	+ 3.4	- 0.2
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,700	47,000	47,600	+ 1.5	+ 0.2
Electrical Equipment....	51,200	50,400	50,300	+ 1.6	+ 1.8
Transportation Equipment	76,800*	73,400*	87,400	+ 4.6	- 12.1
Instruments & Clocks....	23,300	23,000	24,300	+ 1.3	- 4.1
Other Durable.....	14,100	14,000	13,700*	+ 0.7	+ 2.9
Nondurable.....	96,300	96,300	96,000*	0.0	+ 0.3
Food.....	13,100	13,000	12,700*	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Textiles.....	3,400	3,400	4,100	0.0	- 17.1
Apparel.....	6,700	6,500	7,200	+ 3.1	- 6.9
Paper.....	9,600	9,600	9,300	0.0	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,200	27,300	27,700	- 0.4	- 1.8
Chemicals.....	22,600	22,800	21,400	- 0.9	+ 5.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,000	12,000	11,900	0.0	+ 0.8
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,296,500	1,290,800*	1,266,000	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Construction & Mining....	83,800	84,700	81,400	- 1.1	+ 2.9
Transportation.....	41,800	39,200	40,600	+ 6.6	+ 3.0
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,100	16,900	16,300	+ 1.2	+ 4.9
Other Transportation....	24,700	22,300	24,300	+ 10.8	+ 1.6
Communications.....	19,300	19,400	19,800	- 0.5	- 2.5
Utilities.....	13,000	13,100	13,100	- 0.8	- 0.8
Trade.....	386,000	383,600*	373,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Wholesale.....	90,000	90,100	88,100	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Retail.....	296,000	293,500*	285,400	+ 0.9	+ 3.7
General Merchandise....	35,800	35,000	33,500	+ 2.3	+ 6.9
Food Stores.....	51,000	50,300*	49,200	+ 1.4	+ 3.7
Auto Dlr. & Gas Sta...	33,600	33,600	32,500	0.0	+ 3.4
Restaurants.....	80,700	80,600	80,500	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade....	94,900	94,000	89,700	+ 1.0	+ 5.8
Finance, Ins. & ..R.E....	152,200	153,700	151,200	- 1.0	+ 0.7
Banking.....	34,900	35,600	34,000	- 2.0	+ 2.6
Insurance.....	79,300	79,800	81,300	- 0.6	- 2.5
Real Estate.....	15,400	15,700	14,800	- 1.9	+ 4.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	22,600	22,600	21,100	0.0	+ 7.1
Services.....	400,200	401,200	388,100	- 0.3	+ 3.1
Hotels.....	11,500	12,300	11,400	- 6.5	+ 0.9
Personal Services.....	19,600	19,200	18,600	+ 2.1	+ 5.4
Business Services.....	89,600	89,800	88,600	- 0.2	+ 1.1
Health Services.....	121,200	120,600	116,700	+ 0.5	+ 3.9
Law & Professional.....	37,200	37,300	34,500	- 0.3	+ 7.8
Educational Services....	34,900	32,300	33,300	+ 8.1	+ 4.8
Other Services.....	86,200	89,700	85,000	- 3.9	+ 1.4
Government.....	200,200	195,900	198,300	+ 2.2	+ 1.0
Federal.....	25,500	25,900	24,600	- 1.5	+ 3.7
State & Local.....	174,700	170,000	173,700	+ 2.8	+ 0.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** Less than 0.05 percent.

(R) Revised estimate

(P) Preliminary estimate

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

CONSTRUCTION.

(P) Preliminary estimate
(R) Revised estimate

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Sept.	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Aug.	1988 Ratio to Labor Force	Sept.	1987(R) Ratio to Labor Force
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Number</u>	
State Totals* Actual...	51,100	2.9	54,500	3.1	50,400	2.9
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(3.1)		(3.2)
<u>Statistical Areas</u>						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,700	3.7	9,100	3.9	7,900	3.5
Bristol.....	1,200	3.2	1,400	3.6	1,300	3.4
Danbury.....	3,200	2.8	3,100	2.7	3,300	2.9
Danielson.....	1,400	4.0	1,500	4.3	1,500	4.2
Hartford.....	11,500	2.6	12,200	2.8	11,000	2.6
Middletown.....	1,400	2.5	1,400	2.6	1,400	2.6
Lower River.....	400	2.2	400	2.4	300	2.0
New Britain.....	2,300	3.1	2,500	3.3	2,200	3.1
New Haven.....	7,900	2.8	8,400	3.0	7,500	2.8
New London/Norwich*..	3,800	2.8	4,400	3.2	4,000	3.0
Norwalk.....	1,800	2.2	1,900	2.2	2,000	2.5
Stamford.....	2,300	1.9	2,500	2.2	2,500	2.2
Torrington.....	1,200	2.4	1,400	2.7	1,300	2.6
Waterbury.....	3,600	3.4	4,000	3.9	3,900	3.8
Willimantic.....	600	2.2	600	2.4	600	2.2
Civilian U.S.						
Total-Actual.....	6,368,000	5.2	6,659,000	5.4	6,857,000	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.4)		(5.6)		(5.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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* U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS *			
* *			
	Sept. '88	Aug. '88	Sept. '87
* 1967=100..... 358.9 356.6 344.4 *			
* 1982-84=100..... 119.8 119.0 115.0 *			
* Percent Change From.... xxx + 0.7 +4.2 *			
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BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 88 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Sept. '88	Aug. '88	Sept. '87 (R)	Percent Change to September 1988 from:	
				Aug. '88	Sept. '87
<u>BRIDGEPORT</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	202,370	199,500	199,060	+ 1.4	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	57,090	56,540	58,740	+ 1.0	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	145,280	142,960	140,320	+ 1.6	+ 3.5
<u>BRISTOL</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,190	26,040	25,800	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	7,320	7,070	7,750	+ 3.5	- 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	18,870	18,970	18,050	- 0.5	+ 4.5
<u>DANBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,680	81,870	80,780	+ 1.0	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	24,080	23,860	23,600	+ 0.9	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	58,600	58,010	57,180	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
<u>DANIELSON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,540	22,860	23,320	+ 3.0	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	8,780	8,310	9,090	+ 5.7	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,760	14,550	14,230	+ 1.4	+ 3.7
<u>HARTFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	489,850*	484,040*	479,770*	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	94,010*	90,640*	93,460*	+ 3.7	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	395,840	393,400	386,310	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
<u>MIDDLETOWN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	47,370	46,110	46,140	+ 2.7	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	9,580	8,960	10,080	+ 6.9	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	37,790	37,150	36,060	+ 1.7	+ 4.8
<u>LOWER RIVER</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,470	15,640	14,680	- 1.1	+ 5.4
Manufacturing	4,690	4,700	4,660	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	10,780	10,940	10,020	- 1.5	+ 7.6
<u>NEW BRITAIN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	67,930	67,090	65,940	+ 1.3	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	20,060	19,960	20,760	+ 0.5	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	47,870	47,130	45,180	+ 1.6	+ 6.0
<u>NEW HAVEN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	258,170	256,590	252,130*	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	46,020	45,580	46,960	+ 1.0	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	212,150	211,030	205,170*	+ 0.5	+ 3.4
<u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH**</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	114,520*	114,090*	119,810*	+ 0.4	- 4.4
Manufacturing	25,900*	25,770*	33,950	+ 0.5	- 23.7
Nonmanufacturing	88,620	88,320	85,860*	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
<u>NORWALK</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	74,910	74,970	73,760	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	19,670	19,600	20,020	+ 0.4	- 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	55,240	55,370	53,740	- 0.2	+ 2.8
<u>STAMFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	129,290	129,320	127,090	- 0.0	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	23,330	23,090	23,540	+ 1.0	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	105,960	106,230	103,550	- 0.3	+ 2.3

**AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)**

Statistical Area	Sept. '88	Aug. '88	Sept. '87 (R)	Percent Change to September 1988 from:	
				Aug. '88	Sept. '87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,470	34,590	33,490	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	7,930	7,790	7,920	+ 1.8	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	26,540	26,800	25,570	- 1.0	+ 3.8
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	90,010	89,110	86,800*	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	23,830	23,430	23,650*	+ 1.7	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	66,180	65,680	63,150	+ 0.8	+ 4.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,710	20,310	21,990	+ 11.8	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	1,730	1,720	1,860	+ 0.6	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	20,980	18,590	20,130	+ 12.9	+ 4.2

**EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987
Bridgeport	\$468.16	\$444.17	\$451.26	41.8	39.8	41.4	\$11.20	\$11.16	\$10.90
Hartford	487.77	463.50	447.91	42.6	41.2	41.9	11.45	11.25	10.69
New Haven	428.48	409.85	405.01	41.6	40.3	40.1	10.30	10.17	10.10
Stamford	477.85	505.00	472.22	39.2	40.4	42.2	12.19	12.50	11.19
Waterbury	442.00	425.64	377.73	44.2	43.3	41.6	10.00	9.83	9.08

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1988	June 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	June 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	June 1988	Sept. 1987
Bristol	\$536.07	\$527.48	\$459.65	45.2	45.2	43.2	\$11.86	\$11.67	\$10.64
Danbury	477.92	452.13	449.77	45.3	43.6	44.4	10.55	10.37	10.13
Danielson	391.84	395.07	379.85	39.5	39.0	40.8	9.92	10.13	9.31
Middletown	492.25	480.17	444.24	41.4	40.9	39.7	11.89	11.74	11.19
Lower River	400.00	365.88	361.12	40.9	39.9	41.7	9.78	9.17	8.66
New Britain	480.48	473.76	462.46	42.9	42.3	42.9	11.20	11.20	10.78
New London- Norwich**	518.67	473.08	473.96	42.1	40.4	41.0	12.32	11.71	11.56
Norwalk	488.84	465.47	437.65	44.4	42.9	41.8	11.01	10.85	10.47
Torrington	371.43	366.50	336.18	41.5	41.6	40.7	8.95	8.81	8.26
Willimantic	432.72	415.89	404.19	43.1	41.3	40.5	10.04	10.07	9.98

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)*		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	\$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3	1666.3	2971	3184	3.0	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1658.5	1665.2	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5367.4
Aug....	1656.4(R)	1670.0(R)	3020	3275	3.1	3.1	5419.4(R)
Sep....	1669.1(P)	1665.8(P)	1947	3218	2.9	3.1	5427.1(P)
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Adj.(R)
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct....	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.0
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	8845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....	11780	10938	41.2	41.9	105.4	120.6
Sep....	10988	9758	42.0	42.1	128.1	124.4
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1973	36,314	\$117,610,000	\$114,163,000	1972	31,800,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1973	21,700,000
				1974	8,500,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1975	203,000,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1976	137,000,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1977	75,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1978	37,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1983	63,806,000*
				Direct Loan Repayments	
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	1977	27,300,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000	1978	37,300,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1979	39,600,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1984	30,876,000
				1985	32,930,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1986	40,187,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000		
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000		
Jan'87	33,123	\$18,946,000	\$ 5,870,000	Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000	1981	46,537,000
				1982	49,496,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000	1983	53,975,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000	1984	57,349,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000	1985	61,138,000
				1986	64,437,000r
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000	Total Outstanding Loans	
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000	(9/30/88)	
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000	\$ 0	
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000		
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000		
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000		
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000		
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000		
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000		
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000		
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000		
Jun	17,848r	13,042,000	1,156,000		
Jul	21,749r	13,026,000	11,005,000		
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000		
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000		
Oct				Ct. UC Trust Fund	
Nov				Reserve - (9/30/88)	
Dec				\$318.9 million	

*Interest bearing r=revised

AREA WAGE SURVEY-CONNECTICUT, JULY 1988

The table on the following page presents results of a July 1988 survey of occupational wages in the state of Connecticut, conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is 1 of over 100 such reports which the Bureau prepares annually or every other year at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 90 other areas throughout the United States.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 362 establishments employing 222,462 workers was selected to represent 3,030 establishments employing 630,974 workers in the area. Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table I provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request. Copies of the complete report can be obtained from the Connecticut Labor Department's Office of Research and Information by calling (203) 566-2120. Wage surveys were also done for the Hartford area (July, 1988) and Danbury area (July, 1987) and can be ordered from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Publications Sales Center, P.O. Box 2145, Chicago, IL 60690. Send \$1.75 for the Hartford publication (Bulletin # 3045-25); \$2.25 for the Danbury publication (Bulletin # 3040-24). Copies of reports for other areas in the United States can be obtained from the Bureau at the above address.

Table 1. Hourly earnings* of selected occupations in Connecticut, July 1988

Occupation†	Number of workers	Hourly earnings (in dollars)‡					Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																					
		Mean	Median	Middle range	Under 5.00	5.00 and over	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50	8.00	8.50	9.00	9.50	10.00	10.50	11.00	11.50	12.00	12.50	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	
							5.00	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50	8.00	8.50	9.00	9.50	10.00	10.50	11.00	11.50	12.00	12.50	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00
Secretaries	7,773	10.82	10.58	9.25-12.03	-	-	1	51	43	90	308	529	607	643	688	779	716	723	807	483	378	486	361	173	86	18	36	
Typists	811	7.49	7.23	6.54-8.86	-	-	37	37	150	68	44	52	42	29	19	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists I	207	7.20	6.81	6.44-8.50	-	-	37	33	65	20	6	21	42	29	18	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typists II	244	7.52	7.32	6.71-8.46	-	-	20	14	103	65	46	88	100	157	117	62	39	36	37	36	14	32	-	-	-	-	-	
Word processors	1,017	8.03	7.79	7.78-10.00	-	-	20	14	65	46	88	100	157	117	62	39	36	37	36	14	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Word processors I	403	7.87	7.52	6.80-8.82	-	-	20	14	60	78	8	23	74	111	75	41	73	34	34	37	36	14	32	-	-	-	-	
Word processors II	814	8.79	8.43	8.00-10.98	-	-	34	88	110	188	310	151	101	104	87	64	18	5	12	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Word processors III	1,480	7.73	7.19	6.78-7.72	-	-	34	88	109	188	272	153	89	63	32	12	2	7	12	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Key entry operators I	1,074	7.29	7.19	6.50-7.78	-	-	34	88	109	188	272	153	89	63	32	12	2	7	12	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Key entry operators II	405	8.98	8.14	8.15-8.81	-	-	141	162	44	31	8	38	41	52	36	72	75	62	11	5	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	
File clerks	987	6.15	5.94	5.50-6.32	-	-	118	67	91	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
File clerks I	328	5.82	5.78	5.48-6.19	-	-	23	77	31	36	23	9	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
File clerks II	268	6.44	6.10	5.85-6.92	-	-	23	77	31	36	23	9	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Messengers	194	7.94	6.85	6.00-8.16	-	-	10	3	44	30	23	10	24	23	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Phone operators	107	7.48	7.02	6.00-8.07	-	-	10	3	44	30	23	10	24	23	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Receptionists	206	7.62	7.29	6.40-8.75	-	-	10	3	44	30	23	10	24	23	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Switchboard operators	206	7.62	7.29	6.40-8.75	-	-	10	3	44	30	23	10	24	23	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Computer operators	1,848	10.33	10.01	8.60-11.83	-	-	1	25	14	62	121	162	229	158	133	134	122	145	89	180	86	107	44	82	6	-	-	
Computer operators I	164	8.04	8.01	7.89-8.59	-	-	1	17	1	20	37	41	36	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Computer operators II	824	9.33	9.08	8.16-10.28	-	-	1	8	13	42	84	111	174	120	87	73	55	62	22	45	3	15	22	48	3	-	-	
Computer operators III	578	11.82	11.73	10.60-12.64	-	-	1	8	13	42	84	111	174	120	87	73	55	62	22	45	3	15	22	48	3	-	-	
Computer operators IV	182	12.71	12.63	11.84-13.58	-	-	1	8	13	42	84	111	174	120	87	73	55	62	22	45	3	15	22	48	3	-	-	
Peripheral equipment operators	20	8.95	8.08	6.98-9.39	-	-	2	4	3	8	3	4	3	8	3	4	3	4	3	8	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	
Computer data librarians	34	8.34	8.13	7.42-8.83	-	-	2	4	3	8	3	4	3	8	3	4	3	4	3	8	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	
Drillers	1,473	10.96	10.56	8.50-12.98	-	-	14	13	40	27	14	47	25.5	68	111	63	118	104	72	74	78	59	131	80	48	24	34	
Drillers I	164	7.51	7.00	6.51-8.44	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Drillers II	598	11.75	11.34	10.45-13.20	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Drillers III	852	13.61	13.80	10.87-17.16	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Electronics technicians I	295	11.03	10.82	8.54-12.30	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Electronics technicians II	485	16.44	16.38	13.57-17.35	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Maintenance carpenters	268	13.58	13.20	12.02-16.04	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Maintenance electricians	1,391	14.23	14.50	12.60-15.84	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Maintenance painters	154	12.65	12.47	12.00-13.20	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Maintenance machinists	834	12.47	12.59	11.72-12.96	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	1,407	13.50	13.80	11.25-15.84	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Maintenance pipelayers	512	13.16	13.20	12.02-14.02	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Motor vehicle mechanics	915	13.18	13.20	11.78-14.70	-	-	14	13	7	27	7	2	63	33	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
General maintenance workers	855	8.30	8.54	8.13-10.50	-	-	13	4	45	44	76	120	78	81	102	114	131	112	2	14	5	4	154	22	20	1		
Tool and die makers	1,508	14.23	14.02	12.85-18.06	-	-	13	4	45	44	76	120	78	81	102	114	131	112	2	14	5	4	154	22	20	1		
Stationary engineers	151	13.85	13.57	12.31-16.07	-	-	13	4	45	44	76	120	78	81	102	114	131	112	2	14	5	4	154	22	20	1		
Truck drivers	6,947	11.37	11.48	8.60-14.00	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Truck drivers, light truck	820	7.18	6.95	5.50-8.09	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Truck drivers, medium truck	1,823	12.65	14.08	10.20-15.41	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Truck drivers, heavy truck	1,321	10.78	11.08	9.50-11.49	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Truck drivers, tractor-trailer	1,874	12.60	12.87	11.35-14.00	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Shipping packers	1,865	7.75	7.25	6.50-8.17	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Material handling laborers	1,698	7.64	7.00	5.75-8.00	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Forklift operators	1,687	10.13	10.27	7.96-11.87	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Guards	3,887	8.53	8.00	6.25-7.00	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Guards I	3,652	8.27	8.00	6.86-10.44	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Guards II	235	8.70	10.00	8.86-10.44	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	9,591	5.98	5.25	4.50-6.60	-	-	181	128	140	68	177	130	122	131	290	361	389	387	885	368	63	189	533	753	637	115	3	

* Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Pay increases—but not bonuses—under cost-of-living allowance clauses and incentive payments, however, are included. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more than this rate and one-half receive the same as or less than this rate. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate. Middle ranges are not provided when fewer than 15 workers are reported.

† For occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

‡ Workers were distributed as follows: 165 at \$3.50 to \$4.00; 1302 at \$4.00 to \$4.50; and 1837 at \$4.50 to \$5.00.

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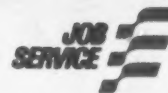


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November 1988

A monthly employment increase of 13,800 was recorded in Connecticut during October when unemployment was up one-tenth of a percent and personal income reached a new high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: November's job gains brought employment to 1,682,300. This was a 1.5 percent rise representing 24,800 jobs since October 1987 (page 2). No change occurred in manufacturing, where employment was 373,100, down 2.6 percent from last year. Nonmanufacturing expanded in most all categories, with the largest increase in government which added 6,700 jobs. Retail trade recorded a 4,200 boost, while services went up by 2,200. Thirteen labor markets had higher monthly employment and there were declines in Bristol and the Lower River area. Since last year, employment rose in all areas except Norwich/New London (pages 5 & 6).

Hourly earnings of production workers increased an average of five-cents to \$10.78, and weekly wages were \$450.60 for a slightly shorter workweek of 41.8 hours, down from 42 in October (page 3). A year ago, factory workers earned \$445.42 for 42.1 hours at \$10.58 per hour. Computed on a straight-time basis, wages this October were \$10.33 hourly and \$413.20 weekly, up 2.2 percent from 1987's rates of \$10.11 and \$404.40 per week. The highest weekly wages were paid in construction, \$667.90, followed by chemicals, \$536.35; transportation equipment, \$533.82 and machinery, \$515.21. Hartford and Stamford area production workers earned the highest weekly wage of the five major markets at \$484.76 and \$477.89, respectively (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment went up by 2,600 to 53,700 and the actual rate from 2.9 to 3.0 percent (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate moved from 3.1 to 3.3 percent. Connecticut's October rates remained well below the national 5.0 percent actual and 5.2 percent adjusted figures. Unemployment was unchanged from September in Danbury and Danielson and higher in the remaining labor market areas. Included in the estimates are people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Several economic indicators (page 7) showed monthly and over-the-year improvement, with personal income of state residents reaching a new monthly high of \$5-billion, 469-million and increased manufacturing output.

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This report, developed regularly in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, includes an explanation of new federal procedures for estimating labor force data in the states.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Oct. 1988 (P)	Sept. 1988 (R)	Oct. 1987 (R)	% Change Oct. '88 over Sept. '88	% Change Oct. '88 over Oct. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,682,300*	1,668,500*	1,657,500*	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Manufacturing.....	373,100*	373,100*	383,200*	0.0	- 2.6
Durable.....	277,400*	276,500*	286,900*	+ 0.3	- 3.3
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,400	7,300	0.0	+ 1.4
Primary Metals.....	12,800	13,000	13,400	- 1.5	- 4.5
Fabricated Metals.....	42,600*	42,600*	42,900*	0.0	- 0.7
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,900	47,800	47,400*	+ 0.2	- 1.1
Electrical Equipment....	51,500	51,400	50,300	+ 0.2	- 2.4
Transportation Equipment	78,200	76,900*	87,500	+ 1.7	- 10.6
Instruments & Clocks....	23,200	23,300	24,200	- 0.4	- 4.1
Other Durable.....	13,800	14,100	13,900	- 2.1	- 0.7
Nondurable.....	95,700	96,600	96,300	- 0.9	- 0.6
Food.....	12,900	13,100	12,900	- 1.5	0.0
Textiles.....	3,300	3,500	4,000	- 5.7	- 17.5
Apparel.....	6,700	6,700	7,300	0.0	- 8.2
Paper.....	9,500	9,600	9,300	- 1.0	- 2.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,200	27,300	27,600	- 0.4	- 1.4
Chemicals.....	22,400	22,600	21,500	- 0.9	+ 4.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,000	12,100	12,000	- 0.8	0.0
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,309,200*	1,295,400	1,274,300*	+ 1.1	+ 2.7
Construction & Mining....	83,700	83,600	81,400	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
Transportation.....	42,000	41,800	40,900	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,000	16,900	16,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Other Transportation....	25,000	24,900	24,400	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Communications.....	19,300	19,300	19,900	0.0	- 3.0
Utilities.....	13,000	12,900	13,100	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Trade.....	389,600	385,400	374,300	+ 1.1	+ 4.1
Wholesale.....	89,800	89,800	88,600	0.0	+ 1.4
Retail.....	299,800	295,600	285,700	+ 1.4	+ 4.9
General Merchandise....	37,100	35,400	35,400	+ 4.8	+ 4.8
Food Stores.....	52,100	51,000	49,000	+ 2.2	+ 6.3
Auto Dlr. & Gas Sta...	33,800	33,600	32,500	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Restaurants.....	79,400	80,700	78,600	- 1.6	+ 1.0
Other Retail Trade.....	97,400	94,900	90,200	+ 2.6	+ 8.0
Finance, Ins. & R.E....	152,100	151,800	150,600	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Banking.....	35,000	34,800	34,100	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Insurance.....	79,000	78,900	80,700	+ 0.1	- 2.1
Real Estate.....	15,300	15,400	14,600	- 0.6	+ 4.8
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	22,800	22,700	21,200	+ 0.4	+ 7.5
Services.....	402,800*	400,600	389,400*	+ 0.5	+ 3.4
Hotels.....	11,900	12,000	11,400*	- 0.8	+ 4.4
Personal Services.....	19,800	19,600	18,900	+ 1.0	+ 4.8
Business Services.....	90,500	90,100	88,300	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Health Services.....	121,800	121,000	117,400	+ 0.7	+ 3.7
Law & Professional.....	37,700	37,200	34,400	+ 1.3	+ 9.6
Educational Services....	35,700	34,900	33,800	+ 2.3	+ 5.6
Other Services.....	85,400*	85,800	85,200	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Government.....	206,700	200,000	204,700	+ 3.4	+ 1.0
Federal.....	25,500	25,500	24,900	0.0	+ 2.4
State & Local.....	181,200	174,500	179,800	+ 3.8	+ 0.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

(R) Revised estimate

(P) Preliminary estimate

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Oct.	1988	Sept.	1988	Oct.	1987(R)
		Ratio		Ratio		Ratio
		to		to		to
		Labor		Labor		Labor
	Number	Force	Number	Force	Number	Force
State Totals* Actual...	53,700	3.0	51,100	2.9	50,400	2.9
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.3)		(3.1)		(3.3)

Statistical Areas

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Bridgeport.....	8,900	3.8	8,700	3.7	7,900	3.4
Bristol.....	1,200	3.3	1,200	3.2	1,300	3.3
Danbury.....	3,200	2.8	3,200	2.8	3,400	3.0
Danielson.....	1,400	4.0	1,400	4.0	1,300	3.9
Hartford.....	12,100	2.8	11,500	2.6	10,900	2.5
Middletown.....	1,500	2.8	1,400	2.5	1,300	2.5
Lower River.....	500	2.5	400	2.2	300	1.9
New Britain.....	2,400	3.2	2,300	3.1	2,200	2.9
New Haven.....	8,400	3.0	7,900	2.8	7,500	2.7
New London/Norwich*..	3,900	3.0	3,800	2.8	4,300	3.2
Norwalk.....	1,900	2.3	1,800	2.2	1,900	2.3
Stamford.....	2,400	2.0	2,300	1.9	2,600	2.1
Torrington.....	1,700	3.3	1,200	2.4	1,300	2.7
Waterbury.....	3,800	3.6	3,600	3.4	3,800	3.7
Willimantic.....	700	2.4	600	2.2	700	2.3

Civilian U.S.

Total-Actual.....	6,182,000	5.0	6,368,000	5.2	6,845,000	5.7
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.2)		(5.4)		(6.0)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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* U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS *			
* *			
	Oct. '88	Sept. '88	Oct. '87
* 1967=100..... 360.1 358.9 345.3 *			
* 1982-84=100..... 118.9 118.5 114.1 *			
* Percent Change From.... XXX + 0.3 +4.2 *			
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BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

**AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK**

Statistical Area	Oct. '88	Sept. '88	Oct. '87 (R)	Percent Change to October 1988 from:	
				Sept. '88	Oct. '87
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	203,580	202,370	200,660	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	56,890	57,090	58,880	- 0.4	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	146,690	145,280	141,780	+ 1.0	+ 3.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,850	26,190	25,630	- 1.3	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	7,370	7,320	7,750	+ 0.7	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	18,480	18,870	17,880	- 2.1	+ 3.4
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	83,530	82,680	81,520	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	24,100	24,080	23,480	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	59,430	58,600	58,040	+ 1.4	+ 2.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,600	23,540	23,260	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	8,780	8,780	9,000	0.0	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,820	14,760	14,260	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	492,790*	489,850*	482,420*	+ 0.6	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	93,840*	94,010*	93,500*	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	398,950*	395,840	388,920*	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	47,480	47,370	46,710	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	9,520	9,580	9,830	- 0.6	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	37,960	37,790	36,880	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,330	15,470	14,520	- 0.9	+ 5.6
Manufacturing	4,690	4,690	4,590	0.0	+ 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	10,640	10,780	9,930	- 1.3	+ 7.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	68,500	67,930	66,380	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	20,090	20,060	20,730	+ 0.1	- 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	48,410	47,870	45,650	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	260,730*	258,170	253,130	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	45,880	46,020	46,520	- 0.3	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	214,850*	212,150	206,610	+ 1.3	+ 4.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	115,030	114,520*	118,930	+ 0.4	- 3.3
Manufacturing	27,240	25,900*	33,990	+ 5.2	- 19.9
Nonmanufacturing	87,790	88,620	84,940	- 0.9	+ 3.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,180	74,910	74,060	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	19,610	19,670	20,020	- 0.3	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	55,570	55,240	54,040	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	129,440	129,290	127,780	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	23,330	23,330	23,670	0.0	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	106,110	105,960	104,110	+ 0.1	+ 1.9

**AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)**

Statistical Area	Oct. '88	Sept. '88	Oct. '87 (R)	Percent Change to October 1988 from:	
				Sept. '88	Oct. '87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,600	34,470	33,540	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	7,860	7,930	7,910	- 0.9	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	26,740	26,540	25,630	+ 0.8	+ 4.3
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	90,260	90,010	87,300	+ 0.3	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	23,780	23,830	23,760	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	66,480	66,180	63,540	+ 0.5	+ 4.6
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,160	22,710	22,920	+ 2.0	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	1,720	1,730	1,870	- 0.6	- 8.0
Nonmanufacturing	21,440	20,980	21,050	+ 2.2	+ 1.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

**EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1987	Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1987
Bridgeport	\$462.97	\$468.16	\$460.48	41.3	41.8	41.9	\$11.21	\$11.20	\$10.99
Hartford	484.76	487.77	447.91	42.3	42.6	41.9	11.46	11.45	10.69
New Haven	432.63	428.48	407.63	41.8	41.6	40.2	10.35	10.30	10.14
Stamford	477.89	477.85	459.82	39.3	39.2	40.3	12.16	12.14	11.41
Waterbury	438.88	442.00	391.35	43.8	44.2	43.1	10.02	10.00	9.08

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)*		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	\$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3	1666.3	2971	3184	3.0	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1658.5	1665.2	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5367.4
Aug....	1656.4	1670.0	3020	3275	3.1	3.1	5419.4
Sep....	1668.5(R)	1665.2(R)	1947	3218	2.9	3.1	5425.5(R)
Oct....	1682.3(P)	1672.3(P)	2666	3858	3.0	3.3	5469.5(P)
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Adj.(R)
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct....	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.9
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	9845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....	11780	10938	41.2	41.9	105.4	120.6
Sep....	10988	9758	42.0	42.1	128.1	124.4
Oct....	9232	9895	41.8	41.8	129.5	125.2
Nov....						
Dec....						

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** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1973	36,314	\$117,610,000	\$114,163,000	1972	31,800,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1973	21,700,000
				1974	8,500,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1975	203,000,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1976	137,000,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1977	75,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1978	37,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1983	63,806,000*
				Direct Loan Repayments	
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000		
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000		
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000		
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1977	27,300,000
				1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
				1986	40,187,000
Jan '87	33,123	\$18,946,000	\$ 5,870,000	Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000		
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000		
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000		
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000		
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000		
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000		
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000		
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
				1981	46,537,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000	1982	49,496,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000	1983	53,975,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000	1984	57,349,000
				1985	61,138,000
Jan '88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000	1986	64,442,000r
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000		
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000		
				Total Outstanding Loans (10/31/88)	
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000		\$ 0
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000		
Jun	17,848r	13,042,000	1,156,000		
Jul	21,749r	13,026,000	11,005,000		
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000		
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000		
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (10/31/88)	
Nov				\$313.7 million	
Dec					

*Interest bearing r=revised

NEW METHODOLOGY FOR ESTIMATING STATE LABOR FORCE DATA

The following narrative describes the change in methodology used to calculate State employment and unemployment estimates. As with all other States, Connecticut will implement the new method effective with the January 1989 estimates.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced plans to shift to a new method of calculating monthly employment and unemployment estimates for most States and the District of Columbia. Beginning with data for January 1989, the Bureau plans to replace the current method with a new one that will yield more precise estimates and automatically adjust to structural changes in State economies.

The Bureau produces labor force estimates for the Nation as a whole directly from the Current Population Survey (CPS), a scientifically selected sample of households that are representative of the total population. In 11 States (California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas), the CPS sample sizes are large enough to produce reliable estimates on a monthly basis and thus are used as the official employment and unemployment series in those states.

Currently, labor force estimates for the remaining States and the District of Columbia are prepared by first using a building-block approach to defining and estimating components of unemployment and employment. This method relies on monthly data from the unemployment insurance (UI) system and the Bureau's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program covering nonagricultural payroll employment. Estimates for groups not adequately measured monthly are developed using historical or larger-area relationships. The estimates of unemployment developed in this manner are not comparable from State to State, because they are based on data from UI programs which differ from State to State. To ensure comparability across States and with the national unemployment measures--a requirement for purposes of analysis and for equity in the distribution of Federal funds--the monthly estimates for each State, based on the building-block approach, are then adjusted to the CPS levels for the State, using a six-month moving average of CPS data. Once annual average CPS data are available, the monthly employment and unemployment estimates for the year are adjusted to these benchmark numbers, using a mathematical approach to distribute the difference between the CPS annual average and the average of the estimates prepared by the building-block procedure.

This methodology has been deficient in a number of respects, the most important of which are the relatively small proportion of the total unemployed accounted for by UI claimants and difficulties in estimating groups not covered by UI. The difficulties cause the building-block estimates to significantly underestimate CPS levels. The magnitude of the underestimation is such that unemployment as measured by the building-block approach before adjustment may be less than half of the level derived from the CPS. While the adjustment to the CPS corrects for the significant underestimation, it introduces other problems into the estimates, because it adversely affects the seasonality of the series.

The new method uses variable coefficient regression models developed by BLS and tested by State employment security agencies. These dynamic time series regression models permit use of CPS, CES, and UI data in a more accurate and reliable manner. Over ten years of data from the sources have been collected to build regression models that are resistant to large random sample errors in the CPS and are flexible enough to reflect the individual features of each State's economy. The models for each State were developed using rules common to all and recognized statistical criteria. While based on past relationships, the models have a built-in self-tuning mechanism that allows them to reflect structural changes in a State's economy as the changes occur. Two estimating equations are used for each State, one for employment and one for the unemployment rate.

The employment model uses the CES estimate of nonfarm wage and salary jobs and data from the CPS on employed persons not included in the CES survey. The latter include agricultural workers, and self-employed, unpaid family, and private household workers. In some States, seasonal variables are used to reflect CES-CPS differences such as the treatment of persons on unpaid absences.

The unemployment rate model uses data on those UI claimants who have no earnings from employment to represent most of the experienced unemployed. An employment-to-population ratio is used to reflect both the business cycle and the experienced unemployed not covered by the UI data. A variable is used to represent unemployed new entrants and reentrants to the labor force. For some States, a seasonal entrant factor is used to show the labor force increase which occurs at the end of the school year.

Both models automatically adjust to structural change. They include a mechanism which revises an equation's coefficients when the new CPS data become available each month, if, given the estimate of error in the State CPS data, it is determined that changes in the underlying relationships have occurred. Once the data are incorporated in the models for the month, the unemployment rate and labor force estimates are calculated.

More information about the new method is available from the Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics, BLS, Room 2083, 441 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20212.*

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December 1988

New highs in employment and personal income were recorded in Connecticut's economy during November when unemployment was unchanged, factory wages improved and more registrations were issued for new automobiles, according to State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment reached a new record of 1,696,300 with 14,500 more jobs than October. Compared with November 1987, nonfarm payrolls rose by 28,900 (page 2). Manufacturing employment was 378,300, up 5,000 from October and the highest level since June. Seasonal hiring accounted for a 6,800 monthly increase in the trade category which was 3.9 percent above last year, and government employment added 3,500. Thirteen labor markets recorded higher employment and there were slight declines in Norwalk and the Lower River area (pages 5 & 6). Employment was up in all market areas over the year.

Earnings of factory production workers increased to a 1988 high, averaging \$459.56, up from \$450.60 a week in October and \$446.46 a year earlier (page 3). Hourly earnings averaged \$10.89 for a longer 42.2-hour week, a monthly increase from \$10.78 and 41.6 hours. Straight-time earnings in November were \$416 weekly and \$10.40 per hour, a 2.3 percent boost from 1987 levels of \$406.80 and \$10.17. Factory workers in the Hartford area earned the highest average weekly wage (\$492.58) among the five major markets, followed by Stamford, Bridgeport, Waterbury and New Haven (page 6).

Unemployment: The 3.0 percent actual unemployment rate for November with 54,700 unemployed was unchanged from October, and the seasonally adjusted rate dropped from 3.3 to 3.2 percent (page 4). November 1987 actual and adjusted rates were 2.9 and 3.2 percent. Both rates in Connecticut remained well below the nation's 5.2 percent actual and 5.4 percent adjusted figures. Unemployment dropped in four labor markets over the month, was stable in three and increased in the remaining eight areas. The estimates include people who are receiving unemployment insurance benefits, others who were ineligible or whose compensation expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the November economy (page 7), there were fewer claims for unemployment benefits, personal income of state residents was at a record \$5-billion, 522-million, manufacturing output expanded and new registrations for cars increased.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Nov. 1988 (P)	Oct. 1988 (R)	Nov. 1987 (R)	% Change Nov. '88 over Oct. '88	% Change Nov. '88 over Nov. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,696,300*	1,681,800*	1,667,400*	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
Manufacturing.....	378,300*	373,300*	383,100*	+ 1.3	- 1.3
Durable.....	282,200*	277,500*	286,600*	+ 1.7	- 1.5
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,400	7,300	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals.....	12,800	12,800	13,600	0.0	- 5.9
Fabricated Metals.....	42,600*	42,600*	43,000*	0.0	- 0.9
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,000	48,000	47,200*	0.0	+ 1.7
Electrical Equipment....	51,600	51,500	50,700	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Transportation Equipment	82,800	78,200	86,600	+ 5.9	- 4.4
Instruments & Clocks....	23,300	23,200	24,200	+ 0.4	- 3.7
Other Durable.....	13,700	13,800	13,900	- 0.7	- 1.4
Nondurable.....	96,100	95,800	96,500	- 0.3	- 0.4
Food.....	12,800	12,800	12,500	0.0	+ 2.4
Textiles.....	3,300	3,400	4,000	- 2.9	- 17.5
Apparel.....	6,700	6,700	7,400	0.0	- 9.5
Paper.....	9,600	9,500	9,300	+ 1.1	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,400	27,200	27,900	+ 0.7	- 1.8
Chemicals.....	22,500	22,400	21,800	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,100	12,100	12,000	0.0	0.8
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,600	0.0	+ 6.3
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,318,000*	1,308,500*	1,284,300*	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Construction & Mining....	82,500	83,200	81,300	- 0.8	+ 1.5
Transportation.....	41,900	41,700	41,000	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,100	16,700	16,600	+ 2.4	+ 3.0
Other Transportation....	24,800	25,000	24,400	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Communications.....	19,700	19,300	19,800	+ 2.1	- 0.5
Utilities.....	13,000	13,000	13,200	0.0	- 1.5
Trade.....	396,000	389,200	381,200	+ 1.7	+ 3.9
Wholesale.....	90,200	89,900	88,800	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Retail.....	305,800	299,300	292,400	+ 2.2	+ 4.6
General Merchandise....	39,800	36,600	39,000	+ 8.7	+ 2.1
Food Stores.....	52,800	52,100	49,600	+ 1.3	+ 6.5
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,800	33,800	32,600	0.0	+ 3.7
Restaurants.....	79,400	79,400	78,800	0.0	+ 0.8
Other Retail Trade....	100,000	97,400	92,400	+ 2.7	+ 8.2
Finance, Ins. & ..R.E....	151,700	151,900	150,300	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Banking.....	34,900	34,900	34,200	0.0	+ 2.0
Insurance.....	78,800	79,000	80,200	- 0.3	- 1.7
Real Estate.....	15,300	15,300	14,700	0.0	+ 4.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	22,700	22,700	21,200	0.0	+ 7.1
Services.....	403,000*	403,500*	390,100*	- 0.1	+ 3.3
Hotels.....	12,200	12,400	11,300*	- 1.6	+ 8.0
Personal Services.....	19,900	19,800	18,900	+ 0.5	+ 5.3
Business Services.....	89,900	89,500	88,700	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Health Services.....	122,200	121,700	118,300	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Law & Professional.....	37,900	37,700	34,500	+ 0.5	+ 9.9
Educational Services....	35,400	35,700	33,600	- 0.8	+ 5.4
Other Services.....	85,500*	86,700*	84,800	- 1.4	+ 0.8
Government.....	210,200	206,700	207,400	+ 1.7	+ 1.4
Federal.....	25,300	25,500	25,200	- 0.8	+ 0.4
State & Local.....	184,900	181,200	182,200	+ 2.0	+ 1.5

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS	
	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	\$459.56	\$450.60	\$446.46	42.2	41.8	42.0
	475.15	462.58	459.88	43.0	42.4	42.7
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....						
Lumber & Furniture.....	369.00	374.11	356.90	41.0	41.8	41.5
Primary Metals.....	480.41	471.11	485.33	44.4	43.5	45.7
Fabricated Metals.....	457.71	443.23	431.70	43.8	42.7	42.7
Machinery.....	526.68	515.21	480.82	44.9	44.3	43.2
Electrical Equipment.....	398.90	389.43	401.54	42.8	42.1	42.9
Transportation Equipment.....	541.10	533.82	528.30	41.4	41.0	41.5
Instruments and Clocks.....	471.84	457.08	427.77	45.5	44.9	44.1
Other Durable Mfg.....	388.65	376.11	405.54	40.4	39.8	42.2
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....						
Food.....	413.36	414.56	409.42	39.9	39.9	40.1
Textiles.....	374.22	389.77	400.57	38.9	40.1	39.7
Apparel.....	341.20	345.93	325.98	39.4	39.9	39.9
Paper.....	258.48	253.13	248.64	37.9	37.5	37.0
Printing and Publishing.....	492.47	472.32	484.64	42.2	41.0	41.6
Chemicals.....	423.00	417.75	410.34	37.6	37.5	38.1
Rubber and Misc. Plastics.....	545.28	536.35	515.66	42.7	42.5	42.9
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	367.16	366.87	365.08	41.3	40.9	40.7
	294.12	309.58	338.71	34.4	35.1	38.1
CONSTRUCTION.....						
	672.34	667.90	635.33	40.6	40.8	40.7

(R) Revised

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Nov.	1988	Oct.	1988	Nov.	1987(R)
		Ratio		Ratio		Ratio
		to		to		to
		Labor		Labor		Labor
	Number	Force	Number	Force	Number	Force
State Totals* Actual...	54,700	3.0	53,700	3.0	52,100	2.9
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.2)		(3.3)		(3.2)

Statistical Areas

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Bridgeport.....	8,800	3.7	8,900	3.8	7,800	3.3
Bristol.....	1,300	3.4	1,200	3.3	1,300	3.3
Danbury.....	3,200	2.7	3,200	2.8	3,800	3.3
Danielson.....	1,500	4.4	1,400	4.0	1,300	3.9
Hartford.....	12,900	2.9	12,100	2.8	11,900	2.8
Middletown.....	1,500	2.9	1,500	2.8	1,400	2.7
Lower River.....	500	2.9	500	2.5	500	2.8
New Britain.....	2,400	3.2	2,400	3.2	2,200	2.9
New Haven.....	7,900	2.8	8,400	3.0	8,000	2.9
New London/Norwich*..	4,600	3.5	3,900	3.0	4,300	3.2
Norwalk.....	1,800	2.3	1,900	2.3	1,900	2.3
Stamford.....	2,500	2.1	2,400	2.0	2,400	2.0
Torrington.....	1,400	2.9	1,700	3.3	1,400	2.8
Waterbury.....	3,800	3.6	3,800	3.6	3,800	3.7
Willimantic.....	700	2.5	700	2.4	600	2.0

Civilian U.S.

Total-Actual.....	6,325,000	5.2	6,182,000	5.0	6,802,000	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.4)		(5.3)		(5.9)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

(R) Revised

* U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS *			
* *			
	Nov. '88	Oct. '88	Nov. '87
1967=100.....	360.5	360.1	345.8
1982-84=100.....	120.3	120.2	115.4
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.1	+4.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Nov. '88	Oct. '88	Nov. '87 (R)	Percent Change to November 1988 from:	
				Oct. '88	Nov. '87
<u>BRIDGEPORT</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	204,250	203,580	202,320	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	56,920	56,890	58,670	+ 0.1	- 3.0
Nonmanufacturing	147,330	146,690	143,650	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
<u>BRISTOL</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,060	25,850	25,700	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	7,420	7,370	7,600	+ 0.7	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	18,640	18,480	18,100	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
<u>DANBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,180	83,530	82,490	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	24,370	24,100	23,870	+ 1.1	+ 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	59,810	59,430	58,620	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
<u>DANIELSON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,640	23,600	23,380	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	8,770	8,780	9,080	- 0.1	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,870	14,820	14,300	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
<u>HARTFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	495,490*	492,790*	485,210*	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	93,910*	93,840*	93,720*	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	401,580*	398,950*	391,490*	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
<u>MIDDLETOWN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	47,920	47,480	46,870	+ 0.9	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	9,640	9,520	9,770	+ 1.3	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	38,280	37,960	37,100	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
<u>LOWER RIVER</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,260	15,330	14,510	- 0.5	+ 5.2
Manufacturing	4,620	4,690	4,570	- 1.5	+ 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	10,640	10,640	9,940	0.0	+ 7.0
<u>NEW BRITAIN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	68,730	68,500	67,030	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	20,050	20,090	20,850	- 0.2	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	48,680	48,410	46,180	+ 0.6	+ 5.4
<u>NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	262,400*	260,730*	255,300	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	46,120	45,880	46,980	+ 0.5	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	216,280*	214,850*	208,320	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
<u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH**</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	119,350	115,030	119,120	+ 3.8	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	31,600	27,240	33,930	+ 16.0	- 6.9
Nonmanufacturing	87,750	87,790	85,190	- 0.0	+ 3.0
<u>NORWALK</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,090	75,180	74,570	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	19,310	19,610	20,060	- 1.5	- 3.7
Nonmanufacturing	55,780	55,570	54,510	+ 0.4	+ 2.3
<u>STAMFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	130,080	129,440	128,700	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	23,330	23,330	23,820	0.0	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	106,750	106,110	104,880	+ 0.6	+ 1.8

**AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)**

Statistical Area	Nov. '88	Oct. '88	Nov. '87 (R)	Percent Change to November 1988 from:	
				Oct. '88	Nov. '87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,650	34,600	33,380	+ 0.1	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	7,930	7,860	7,830	+ 0.9	+ 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	26,720	26,740	25,550	- 0.1	+ 4.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	90,510	90,260	88,290	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	23,750	23,780	23,810	- 0.1	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	66,760	66,480	64,480	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,490	23,160	23,230	+ 1.4	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	1,770	1,720	1,880	+ 2.9	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	21,720	21,440	21,350	+ 1.3	+ 1.7

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

**EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1988	Oct. 1988	Nov. 1987
Bridgeport	\$471.92	\$462.97	\$454.71	41.8	41.3	41.3	\$11.29	\$11.21	\$11.01
Hartford	492.58	484.76	451.50	42.5	42.3	42.0	11.59	11.46	10.75
New Haven	434.66	432.63	407.23	42.2	41.8	40.2	10.30	10.35	10.13
Stamford	479.07	477.89	458.68	39.3	39.3	40.2	12.19	12.16	11.41
Waterbury	449.01	438.88	395.76	44.5	43.8	43.3	10.09	10.02	9.14

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)*		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	\$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3	1666.3	2971	3184	3.0	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1658.5	1665.2	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5367.4
Aug....	1656.4	1670.0	3020	3275	3.1	3.1	5419.4
Sep....	1668.5	1665.2	1947	3218	2.9	3.1	5425.5
Oct....	1631.8(R)	1671.8(R)	2666	3858	3.0	3.3	5467.8(R)
Nov....	1696.3(P)	1677.8(P)	2645	3194	3.0	3.2	5522.3(P)
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct....	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.9
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	8845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....	11780	10938	41.2	41.9	105.4	120.6
Sep....	10988	9758	42.0	42.1	128.1	124.4
Oct....	9232	9895	41.8	41.8	129.5	125.2
Nov....	12193	11690	42.2	41.8	132.9	126.6
Dec....						

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* Series revised April, 1988

** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1973	36,314	\$117,610,000	\$114,163,000	1972	31,800,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1973	21,700,000
				1974	8,500,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1975	203,000,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1976	137,000,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1977	75,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1978	37,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1983	63,806,000*
				Direct Loan Repayments	
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	1977	27,300,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000	1978	37,300,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1979	39,600,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1984	30,876,000
				1985	32,930,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1986	40,187,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000		
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000		
Jan '87	33,123	\$18,946,000	\$ 5,870,000	Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000	1981	46,537,000
				1982	49,496,000
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000	1983	53,975,000
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000	1984	57,349,000
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000	1985	61,138,000
				1986	64,445,000r
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000		
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000	Total Outstanding Loans	
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000	(11/30/88)	
				\$ 0	
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000		
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000		
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000		
Jan '88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000		
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000		
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000		
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000		
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000		
Jun	17,848r	13,042,000	1,156,000		
Jul	21,749r	13,026,000	11,005,000		
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000		
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000		
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	Ct. UC Trust Fund	
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	Reserve - (11/30/88)	
Dec				\$326.3 million	

*Interest bearing

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BETTY L. TIANI
COMMISSIONER

January 1989

Employment, personal income and factory wages rose to all-time highs in December when there was a seasonal increase in unemployment, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment in the final month of 1988 was at a record 1,707,000, a monthly gain of 10,700 jobs and 30,400 above December 1987 (page 2). Manufacturing employment increased to a 10-month high of 381,200 which was one-half of a percent below a year earlier. The nonmanufacturing sector added 8,600 jobs from November and reached 1,325,800, up by 32,500 from the 1987 level. Seasonal factors were evident in a drop in construction while retail trade payrolls expanded by 8,400 jobs. Employment in communications and utilities was unchanged and there was a monthly gain in services. Compared with December 1987, employment expanded in 20 of 25 nonmanufacturing and eight of the 16 manufacturing categories. Fourteen labor markets recorded employment growth from November. The exception was the Lower River area where there was a decline of 50 jobs.

Average wages of factory production workers set a new record of \$465.72 a week and \$11.01 per hour (page 3) for a longer 42.3-hour week, up from \$459.56 and \$10.89 in November when the workweek was 42.2 hours. Weekly and hourly wages a year earlier were \$456.04 and \$10.68. December's straight-time earnings were \$420 weekly and \$10.50 an hour, up 3.3 percent from pay rates of \$406.40 and \$10.16 in 1987. Bristol area workers earned the highest weekly wage, \$524.96, followed by Middletown, \$505.08; New Britain, \$501.84; Hartford, \$500.95; Norwalk, \$494.34 and New London/Norwich, \$488.35 (page 6). Construction workers earned the highest weekly wage, then transportation equipment, machinery and chemicals.

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment was estimated at 61,200 or 3.4 percent, adjusted to 3.5 percent under seasonal influences and holiday closings (page 4). In November it was 54,700 and 3 percent with a 3.2 percent seasonally adjusted rate. Both December rates remained well under comparable national figures of 5 percent and 5.3 seasonally adjusted. With the exception of New London/Norwich and Stamford where unemployment was unchanged, each labor-market area had increases. The estimates include people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, those whose compensation expired or were ineligible, others entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to benefits during temporary shutdowns. Bridgeport had the highest December rate, 4.2 percent, and Stamford's 2.1 percent was the state's lowest.

Other Indicators: Among other economic indicators, personal income of state residents continued to increase and set a new preliminary record of \$5-billion, 560-million. Seasonally adjusted manufacturing output also improved to a 1988 high.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Dec. 1988 (P)	Nov. 1988 (R)	Dec. 1987 (R)	% Change Dec. '88 over Nov. '88	% Change Dec. '88 over Dec. '87
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,707,000*	1,696,300*	1,676,600*	+ 0.6	+ 1.8
Manufacturing.....	381,200*	379,100*	383,300*	+ 0.6	- 0.5
Durable.....	284,100*	282,800*	286,600*	+ 0.5	- 0.9
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,400	7,400	7,300	0.0	+ 1.4
Primary Metals.....	12,700	12,800	13,500	- 0.8	- 5.9
Fabricated Metals.....	42,800*	42,700*	43,300*	+ 0.2	- 1.9
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,300	48,000	47,100*	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Electrical Equipment....	51,300	51,600	50,500	- 0.6	+ 1.6
Transportation Equipment	84,700	83,300	86,800	+ 1.7	- 2.4
Instruments & Clocks....	23,400	23,300	24,200	+ 0.4	- 3.3
Other Durable.....	13,500	13,700	13,900	- 1.5	- 2.9
Nondurable.....	97,100	96,300	96,700	+ 0.8	+ 0.4
Food.....	12,800	12,800	12,800	0.0	0.0
Textiles.....	3,400	3,300	3,900	+ 3.0	- 12.8
Apparel.....	6,700	6,700	7,300	0.0	- 8.2
Paper.....	9,700	9,600	9,400	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	27,800	27,400	27,400	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Chemicals.....	22,800	22,700	22,100	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	12,200	12,100	12,200	+ 0.8	0.0
Other Nondurable.....	1,700	1,700	1,600	0.0	+ 6.3
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,325,800	1,317,200*	1,293,300	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Construction & Mining....	80,700	82,200	81,100	- 1.8	- 0.5
Transportation.....	42,100	41,800	41,000	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,400	17,000	16,600	+ 2.4	+ 4.8
Other Transportation....	24,700	24,800	24,400	- 0.4	+ 1.2
Communications.....	19,700	19,700	19,700	0.0	0.0
Utilities.....	13,000	13,000	13,200	0.0	- 1.5
Trade.....	404,000	395,400	388,300	+ 2.2	+ 4.0
Wholesale.....	90,500	90,300	89,600	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Retail.....	313,500	305,100	298,700	+ 2.8	+ 5.0
General Merchandise....	42,000	39,100	40,500	+ 7.4	+ 3.7
Food Stores.....	54,100	52,800	51,000	+ 2.5	+ 6.1
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	34,000	33,800	32,800	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
Restaurants.....	79,800	79,400	79,700	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade....	103,600	100,000	94,700	+ 3.6	+ 9.4
Finance, Ins. & R.E....	151,600	151,500	150,400	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Banking.....	35,100	35,000	34,200	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Insurance.....	78,100	78,400	79,900	- 0.4	- 2.3
Real Estate.....	15,400	15,300	14,900	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,000	22,800	21,400	+ 0.9	+ 7.5
Services.....	405,200	403,400*	391,800	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
Hotels.....	12,000	12,000	11,400	0.0	+ 5.3
Personal Services.....	20,100	19,900	18,900	+ 1.0	+ 6.3
Business Services.....	90,600	89,900	88,700	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Health Services.....	122,900	122,400	118,600	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Law & Professional.....	38,200	37,900	34,900	+ 0.8	+ 9.5
Educational Services....	35,600	35,400	33,800	+ 0.6	+ 5.3
Other Services.....	85,800	85,900*	85,500	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Government.....	209,500	210,200	207,800	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Federal.....	25,500	25,300	25,600	+ 0.8	- 0.4
State & Local.....	184,000	184,900	182,200	- 0.5	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (R) Revised (P) Preliminary Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS	
	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)						
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....						
Lumber & Furniture.....	\$465.72	\$459.56	42.3	42.2	\$11.01	\$10.89
Primary Metals.....	481.43	475.15	43.1	43.0	11.17	11.05
Fabricated Metals.....	362.88	369.00	40.5	41.0	8.96	9.00
Machinery.....	495.22	480.41	45.6	44.4	10.86	10.82
Electrical Equipment.....	452.55	457.71	43.1	43.8	10.50	10.45
Transportation Equipment.....	535.80	526.68	45.6	44.9	11.75	11.73
Instruments and Clocks.....	404.35	398.90	43.2	42.8	9.36	9.32
Other Durable Mfg.....	552.78	541.10	41.5	41.4	13.32	13.07
	459.83	471.84	44.6	45.5	10.31	10.37
	389.46	388.65	40.4	40.4	9.64	9.62
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....						
Food.....	419.35	413.36	39.9	39.9	10.51	10.36
Textiles.....	379.46	374.22	38.8	38.9	9.78	9.62
Apparel.....	341.28	341.20	39.5	39.4	8.64	8.66
Paper.....	254.45	258.48	37.2	37.9	6.84	6.82
Printing and Publishing.....	502.85	492.47	43.2	42.2	11.64	11.67
Chemicals.....	428.65	423.00	37.7	37.6	11.37	11.25
Rubber and Misc. Plastics.....	532.11	545.28	41.8	42.7	12.73	12.77
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	368.81	367.16	41.3	41.3	8.93	8.89
	264.70	294.12	31.4	34.4	8.43	8.55
CONSTRUCTION.....						
	633.48	672.34	38.3	40.6	16.54	16.56
		646.02				15.68

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	Dec.	1988 Percent of Labor Force**	Nov.	1988 Percent of Labor Force**	Dec.	1987 (R) Percent of Labor Force**
	Number		Number		Number	
Ct. State Totals* Actual	61,200	3.4	54,700	3.0	55,600	3.1
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.5)		(3.2)		(3.2)
<u>Ct. Statistical Areas</u>						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	9,800	4.2	8,800	3.7	8,100	3.5
Bristol.....	1,600	4.1	1,300	3.4	1,500	3.9
Danbury.....	3,600	3.2	3,200	2.7	3,500	3.1
Danielson.....	1,900	5.6	1,500	4.4	1,500	4.3
Hartford.....	14,400	3.3	12,900	2.9	13,900	3.2
Middletown.....	1,900	3.5	1,500	2.9	1,500	2.8
Lower River.....	600	3.3	500	2.9	400	2.4
New Britain.....	2,800	3.7	2,400	3.2	2,600	3.5
New Haven.....	9,000	3.2	7,900	2.8	8,200	3.0
New London/Norwich*..	4,600	3.5	4,600	3.5	4,200	3.1
Norwalk.....	2,000	2.4	1,800	2.3	1,900	2.4
Stamford.....	2,500	2.1	2,500	2.1	2,500	2.1
Torrington.....	1,800	3.5	1,400	2.9	1,800	3.6
Waterbury.....	4,300	4.1	3,800	3.6	3,900	3.8
Willimantic.....	900	3.0	700	2.5	600	2.0
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,142,000	5.0	6,325,000	5.2	6,526,000	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.3)		(5.4)		(5.8)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS				

	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87	
1967=100.....	360.9	360.5	345.7	
1982-84=100.....	120.5	120.3	115.4	
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+4.4	

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.

The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87 (R)	Percent Change to December 1988 from	
				Nov. '88	Dec. '87
<u>BRIDGEPORT</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	205,770	204,250	202,290	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	56,930	56,920	58,590	+ 0.0	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	148,840	147,330	143,700	+ 1.0	+ 3.6
<u>BRISTOL</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,240	26,060	25,940	+ 0.7	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	7,490	7,420	7,670	+ 0.9	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	18,750	18,640	18,270	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
<u>DANBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,790	84,180	83,170	+ 0.7	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	24,470	24,370	23,850	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	60,320	59,810	59,320	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
<u>DANIELSON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,690	23,640	23,540*	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	8,780	8,770	9,150*	+ 0.1	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	14,910	14,870	14,390	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
<u>HARTFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	498,320*	495,490*	487,540*	+ 0.6	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	93,890*	93,910*	93,780*	- 0.0	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	404,430	401,580*	393,760	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
<u>MIDDLETOWN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	48,120	47,920	47,220	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	9,720	9,640	9,870	+ 0.8	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	38,400	38,280	37,305	+ 0.3	+ 2.8
<u>LOWER RIVER</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,210	15,260	14,640	- 0.3	+ 3.9
Manufacturing	4,510	4,620	4,600	- 2.4	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	10,700	10,640	10,040	+ 0.6	+ 6.6
<u>NEW BRITAIN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	68,970	68,730	67,190	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	20,180	20,050	20,900	+ 0.6	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	48,790	48,680	46,290	+ 0.2	+ 5.4
<u>NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	263,510	262,400*	256,080	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	46,210	46,120	46,520	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	217,300	216,280*	209,560	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
<u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH**</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	120,260	119,350	120,050	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	32,210	31,600	34,120	+ 1.9	- 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	88,050	87,750	85,930	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
<u>NORWALK</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	75,550	75,090	74,940	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	19,190	19,310	20,030	- 0.6	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	56,360	55,780	54,910	+ 1.0	+ 2.6
<u>STAMFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	131,440	130,080	129,700	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	23,430	23,330	23,730	+ 0.4	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	108,010	106,750	105,970	+ 1.2	+ 1.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87 (R)	Percent Change to December 1988 from:	
				Nov. '88	Dec. '87
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,830	34,650	33,460	+ 0.5	+ 4.1
Manufacturing	8,000	7,930	7,920	+ 0.9	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	26,830	26,720	25,540	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	91,240	90,510	89,170	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	23,800	23,750	23,950	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	67,440	66,760	65,220	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,600	23,490	22,980	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	1,780	1,770	1,960	+ 0.6	- 9.2
Nonmanufacturing	21,820	21,720	21,020	+ 0.5	+ 3.8

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
Bridgeport	\$473.30	\$471.92	\$472.76	41.7	41.8	42.4	\$11.35	\$11.29	\$11.15
Hartford	500.95	492.58	473.70	43.0	42.5	43.3	11.65	11.59	10.94
New Haven	438.68	434.66	420.04	42.1	42.2	40.9	10.42	10.30	10.27
Stamford	486.29	479.07	482.31	39.6	39.3	41.4	12.28	12.19	11.65
Waterbury	454.72	449.01	401.78	44.8	44.5	44.2	10.15	10.09	9.09

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987	Dec. 1988	Nov. 1988	Dec. 1987
Bristol	\$524.96	\$536.07	\$484.63	45.1	45.2	43.7	\$11.64	\$11.86	\$11.09
Danbury	467.70	477.92	444.72	44.5	45.3	43.6	10.51	10.55	10.20
Danielson	394.40	391.84	374.66	40.0	39.5	40.2	9.86	9.92	9.32
Middletown	505.08	492.25	482.45	41.4	41.4	41.2	12.20	11.89	11.71
Lower River	410.73	400.00	377.01	42.3	40.9	42.6	9.71	9.78	8.85
New Britain	501.84	480.48	485.89	43.6	42.9	44.7	11.51	11.20	10.87
New London- Norwich**	488.35	518.67	473.75	40.9	42.1	40.7	11.94	12.32	11.64
Norwalk	494.34	488.84	464.18	42.8	44.4	43.3	11.55	11.01	10.72
Torrington	375.72	371.43	362.52	41.7	41.5	42.5	9.01	8.95	8.53
Willimantic	429.68	432.72	402.93	42.5	43.1	40.7	10.11	10.04	9.90

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)*		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1987							
Jan....	1603.5	1626.1	5938	3740	4.0	3.5	\$5001.4
Feb....	1597.0	1623.8	3593	4081	4.0	3.5	5035.0
Mar....	1616.2	1632.5	2668	3547	3.8	3.5	5044.3
Apr....	1635.7	1635.6	2592	3199	3.2	3.3	5043.2
May....	1645.6	1638.0	2455	3283	3.2	3.4	5063.6
Jun....	1664.3	1643.8	2861	3066	3.3	3.3	5087.8
Jul....	1640.8	1646.8	4588	3123	3.3	3.2	5091.8
Aug....	1634.2	1647.2	2739	2970	3.3	3.3	5130.8
Sep....	1648.8	1645.5	1789	2959	2.9	3.2	5144.9
Oct....	1657.5	1647.6	1952	2823	2.9	3.3	5172.9
Nov....	1667.4	1650.0	2318	2800	2.9	3.2	5212.1
Dec....	1676.6	1652.4	5125	2901	3.1	3.2	5240.3
1988							
Jan....	1646.3	1669.7	5713	3598	3.7	3.3	5273.4
Feb....	1645.6	1672.4	3286	3734	3.6	3.3	5318.1
Mar....	1655.5	1672.2	2424	3223	3.1	3.0	5322.3
Apr....	1666.1	1666.1	2596	3205	2.5	2.7	5316.5
May....	1670.9	1662.6	2331	3116	2.4	2.6	5329.1
Jun....	1686.3	1666.3	2971	3184	3.0	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1658.5	1665.2	5278	3593	3.2	3.0	5367.4
Aug....	1656.4	1670.0	3020	3275	3.1	3.1	5419.4
Sep....	1668.5	1665.2	1947	3218	2.9	3.1	5425.5
Oct....	1681.8	1671.8	2666	3858	3.0	3.3	5467.8
Nov....	1696.3 (R)	1677.8 (R)	2645	3194	3.0	3.2	5523.1 (R)
Dec....	1707.0 (P)	1681.8 (P)	6312	3572	3.4	3.5	5560.7 (P)

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1987						
Jan....	13430	14561	42.0	42.0	128.5	124.5
Feb....	12036	15099	42.0	42.0	128.0	124.6
Mar....	12797	13252	42.1	42.0	129.4	124.8
Apr....	14894	13430	41.9	42.0	130.2	125.4
May....	11027	11098	42.2	42.4	130.1	125.9
Jun....	11862	11754	42.3	42.3	131.0	126.5
Jul....	15214	15198	42.0	42.3	104.8	122.1
Aug....	12547	11645	41.6	42.3	104.4	119.4
Sep....	17917	15913	42.0	42.1	124.8	121.2
Oct....	12587	13485	42.1	42.1	128.4	124.2
Nov....	14508	13907	42.0	41.6	128.1	122.0
Dec....	20320	19862	42.7	42.1	118.6	125.0
1988						
Jan....	11903	12910	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.6
Feb....	11959	15005	41.6	41.6	128.1	124.7
Mar....	25076**	25959**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.9
Apr....	19924	17966	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.8
May....	14189	14275	41.7	41.9	129.0	124.9
Jun....	13507	13387	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.7
Jul....	8854	8845	41.6	41.9	102.0	118.9
Aug....	11780	10938	41.2	41.9	105.4	120.6
Sep....	10988	9758	42.0	42.1	128.1	124.4
Oct....	9232	9895	41.8	41.8	129.5	125.2
Nov....	12193	11690	42.2	41.8	135.4 (R)	129.0 (R)
Dec....	11393	11137	42.3	41.7	124.0	129.7

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** Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1973	36,314	\$117,610,000	\$114,163,000	1972	31,800,000
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1973	21,700,000
				1974	8,500,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1975	203,000,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1976	137,000,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1977	75,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1978	37,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000		
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1977	27,300,000
				1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
				1986	40,187,000
Jan'87	33,123	\$18,946,000	\$ 5,870,000		
Feb	30,100	18,498,000	18,865,000		
Mar	26,818	19,687,000	1,020,000		
Apr	21,177	13,323,000	27,114,000		
May	18,023	11,309,000	81,325,000		
Jun	17,311	11,480,000	1,096,000		
				Loan Repayments	
Jul	20,296	12,543,000	19,971,000	Via Employer Tax	
Aug	20,297	12,346,000	27,660,000	Credit Reduction	
Sep	15,393	9,787,000	825,000		
				1975	\$ 12,906,000
Oct	13,773	8,748,000	8,131,000	1981	46,537,000
Nov	13,968	9,606,000	18,945,000	1982	49,496,000
Dec	17,145	12,005,000	565,000	1983	53,975,000
				1984	57,349,000
Jan'88	29,855	18,603,000	4,976,000	1985	61,138,000
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000	1986	64,448,000r
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000		
				Total Outstanding	
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000	Loans	
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000	(12/31/88)	
Jun	17,848r	13,042,000	1,156,000	\$ 0	
Jul	21,749r	13,026,000	11,005,000		
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*Interest bearing r=revised

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Statewide employment and the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped in January when personal income of residents set another record high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: An estimated 1,671,100 people were working in nonfarm jobs during January, down 38,100 from December's revised levels and 28,200 above January 1988 (page 2). Seasonal conditions and temporary layoffs were evident in construction (down 9.3%), with post-holiday cutbacks in trade (-4.6%), hotels (-3.1%) and educational services (-1.9%) which were all higher than 1988 levels. Manufacturing also dipped over the month by 800 and was nine-tenths of a percent below last year. Each labor market area recorded lower January employment which was higher in all markets than the same month in 1988 (pages 5 & 6).

Factory production workers had a slightly shorter workweek of 42.1 hours and their average earnings were down \$2.62 to \$463.10 at \$11 an hour, off one-cent (page 3). Wages a year ago were \$451.34 weekly and \$10.67 per hour for a 42.3-hour week. Straight-time wages changed little between December and January at \$10.52 an hour and \$420.80 weekly, a 3.3 percent increase from 1988 figures of \$10.18 hourly and \$407.20 a week. Workers in the Stamford area earned the highest weekly wage among the six major labor market areas, \$501.74, followed by New Britain, \$499.41 and Hartford, \$493.96 (page 6).

Unemployment: There were an estimated 61,800 (3.7%) people without employment in January, due mainly to temporary closings and post-holiday layoffs. This was up from 55,900 (3.3%) in December and 56,200 (3.4%) last year - (page 4). The January seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 3.3 to 3.2 percent. Both rates continued well below the national experience which was 6 percent (actual) adjusted to 5.4. Fourteen labor market areas had higher monthly unemployment which dropped in Middletown. The estimates include people who are receiving unemployment benefits, others who are ineligible for compensation or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Preliminary estimates had personal income of state residents at an all-time monthly high of nearly \$5-billion, 598-million and manufacturing output exceeding December and year-ago levels (page 7). Initial (first-time) claims for unemployment benefits also dropped over the month and from last year.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Jan. 1989 (P)	Dec. 1988 (R)	Jan. 1988 (R)	% Change Jan. '89 over Dec. '88	% Change Jan. '89 over Jan. '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,671,100*	1,709,200*	1,642,900*	- 2.2	+ 1.7
Manufacturing.....	375,900*	376,700*	379,400*	- 0.2	- 0.9
Durable.....	282,400*	282,600*	285,400*	- 0.1	- 1.1
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,100	7,200	7,200	- 1.4	- 1.4
Primary Metals.....	13,100	13,100	13,700	0.0	- 4.4
Fabricated Metals.....	42,700*	42,900*	43,100*	- 0.5	- 0.9
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,900	48,600	46,700*	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
Electrical Equipment....	48,000	48,100	48,100	- 0.2	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	84,600	84,400	87,600	+ 0.2	- 3.4
Instruments & Clocks....	24,700	24,600	25,200	+ 0.4	- 2.0
Other Durable.....	13,300	13,700	13,800	- 2.9	- 3.6
Nondurable.....	93,500	94,100	94,000	- 0.6	- 0.5
Food.....	11,500	11,700	11,400	- 1.7	+ 0.9
Textiles.....	3,300	3,300	4,000	0.0	- 17.5
Apparel.....	6,300	6,500	6,800	- 3.1	- 7.4
Paper.....	9,500	9,500	9,500	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	28,600	28,600	28,500	0.0	+ 0.4
Chemicals.....	21,200	21,400	20,700	- 0.9	+ 2.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,500	11,500	11,600	0.0	- 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,600	1,500	0.0	+ 6.7
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,295,200	1,332,500*	1,263,500	- 2.8	+ 2.5
Construction & Mining....	72,100	79,500	73,300	- 9.3	- 1.6
Transportation.....	41,200	41,500	40,100	- 0.7	+ 2.7
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,800	17,000	16,600	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Other Transportation....	24,400	24,500	23,500	- 0.4	+ 3.8
Communications.....	18,800	19,000	18,800	- 1.1	0.0
Utilities.....	12,900	12,900	13,200	0.0	- 2.3
Trade.....	382,000	400,600	371,600	- 4.6	+ 2.8
Wholesale.....	88,500	89,900	87,100	- 1.6	+ 1.6
Retail.....	293,500	310,700	284,500	- 5.5	+ 3.2
General Merchandise....	38,900	42,600	38,400	- 8.7	+ 1.3
Food Stores.....	50,600	54,700	49,500	- 7.5	+ 2.2
Auto Dlr. & Gas Sta...	33,600	33,600	32,200	0.0	+ 4.3
Restaurants.....	72,600	77,400	72,200	- 6.2	+ 0.6
Other Retail Trade....	97,800	102,400	92,200	- 4.5	+ 6.1
Finance, Ins. & R.E....	153,900	154,200	151,900	- 0.2	+ 1.3
Banking.....	35,700	35,300	34,700	+ 1.1	+ 2.9
Insurance.....	79,200	79,400	80,800	- 0.3	- 2.0
Real Estate.....	16,000	17,000	14,900	- 5.9	+ 7.4
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,000	22,500	21,500	+ 2.2	+ 7.0
Services.....	406,400	412,300*	390,800	- 1.4	+ 4.0
Hotels.....	12,300	12,700	12,000	- 3.1	+ 2.5
Personal Services.....	20,200	20,100	19,000	+ 0.5	+ 6.3
Business Services.....	89,900	92,000	88,600	- 2.3	+ 1.5
Health Services.....	123,900	124,000	119,100	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Law & Professional.....	38,900	38,300	35,700	+ 1.6	+ 9.0
Educational Services....	36,100	36,800	34,300	- 1.9	+ 5.2
Other Services.....	85,100	88,400*	82,100	- 3.7	+ 3.7
Government.....	207,900	212,500	203,800	- 2.2	+ 2.0
Federal.....	25,800	25,700	25,000	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
State & Local.....	182,100	186,800	178,800	- 2.5	+ 1.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (R) Revised (P) Preliminary

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS	
	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)						
	\$463.10	\$465.72	\$451.34		\$11.00	\$10.67
DURABLE MANUFACTURING						
Lumber & Furniture.....	476.36	481.43	465.48		11.13	10.80
Primary Metals.....	371.46	362.88	356.29		9.06	8.69
Fabricated Metals.....	498.34	495.22	499.26		10.74	10.76
Machinery.....	451.10	452.55	435.60		10.37	10.06
Electrical Equipment.....	527.22	535.80	502.12		11.69	11.06
Transportation Equipment.....	388.32	404.35	382.81		9.29	9.18
Instruments and Clocks.....	544.75	552.78	538.44		13.19	12.82
Other Durable Mfg.....	461.65	459.83	435.91		10.54	9.84
	378.54	389.46	408.96		9.44	9.60
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING						
Food.....	420.29	419.35	412.85		10.56	10.27
Textiles.....	391.63	379.46	390.48		9.84	10.09
Apparel.....	345.84	341.28	341.47		8.80	8.39
Paper.....	263.78	254.45	242.80		6.96	6.58
Printing and Publishing.....	486.45	502.85	482.27		11.50	11.51
Chemicals.....	412.85	428.65	401.02		11.28	10.78
Rubber and Misc. Plastics.....	544.35	532.11	547.01		12.93	12.21
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	369.93	368.81	371.78		8.85	9.09
	268.77	264.70	295.24		8.67	8.34
CONSTRUCTION						
	648.52	633.48	620.94		16.46	15.72

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	Jan.	1989 Percent of Labor Force**	Dec.	1988 Percent of Labor Force**	Jan.	1988(R) Percent of Labor Force**
	Number		Number		Number	
Ct. State Totals* Actual	61,800	3.7	55,900	3.3	56,200	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.2)		(3.3)		(3.0)
Ct. Statistical Areas						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	10,400	4.7	9,000	4.0	9,000	4.0
Bristol.....	1,700	4.6	1,400	3.9	1,800	4.8
Danbury.....	3,400	3.1	3,300	3.0	3,400	3.1
Danielson.....	2,100	6.5	1,800	5.4	1,700	5.3
Hartford.....	13,900	3.4	13,100	3.2	12,900	3.2
Middletown.....	1,700	3.1	1,800	3.3	1,600	3.0
Lower River.....	500	3.2	500	3.1	500	2.8
New Britain.....	2,900	4.2	2,500	3.6	2,600	3.2
New Haven.....	9,200	3.5	8,300	3.1	8,200	3.1
New London/Norwich*..	4,800	3.8	3,800	3.4	3,600	3.2
Norwalk.....	2,000	2.6	1,800	2.3	1,900	2.5
Stamford.....	2,400	2.2	2,300	2.0	2,400	2.1
Torrington.....	1,800	3.9	1,600	3.4	1,600	3.5
Waterbury.....	4,700	4.8	3,900	4.0	4,400	4.5
Willimantic.....	800	3.2	800	2.8	700	2.8
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	7,309,000	6.0	6,142,000	5.0	7,603,000	6.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.4)		(5.3)		(5.8)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS				
	Jan. '89	Dec. '88	Jan. '88	
1967=100.....	362.7	360.9	346.7	
1982-84=100.....	121.1	120.5	115.7	
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.5	+ 4.7	

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.

The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Jan. '89	Dec. '88 (R)	Jan. '88 (R)	Percent Change to January 1989 from:	
				Dec. '88	Jan. '88
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	201,600*	205,870*	199,630*	- 2.1	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	56,720*	56,990*	58,150*	- 0.5	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	144,880	148,880	141,480	- 2.7	+ 2.4
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	25,980	26,510	25,070	- 2.0	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	7,940	7,990	7,620	- 0.6	+ 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	18,040	18,520	17,450	- 2.6	+ 3.4
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,040	85,930	81,900	- 2.2	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	24,920	24,710	24,100	+ 0.8	+ 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	59,120	61,220	57,800	- 3.4	+ 2.3
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,760	23,410	22,640*	- 2.8	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	8,280	8,560	8,590*	- 3.3	- 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	14,480	14,850	14,050	- 2.5	+ 3.1
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	486,590*	494,250*	476,050*	- 1.5	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	90,240*	90,100*	91,220*	+ 0.2	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	396,350	404,150	384,830	- 1.9	+ 3.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	49,080	49,940	46,810	- 1.7	+ 4.8
Manufacturing	10,080	10,040	9,930	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	39,000	39,900	36,880	- 2.3	+ 5.7
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,520	14,910	14,050	- 2.6	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	4,750	4,730	4,760	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	9,770	10,180	9,290	- 4.0	+ 5.2
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	64,980	66,280	63,580	- 2.0	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	19,380	19,320	19,410	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	45,600	46,960	44,170	- 2.9	+ 3.2
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	260,010	266,170	251,460	- 2.3	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	47,670	48,040	47,560	- 0.8	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	212,340	218,130	203,900	- 2.7	+ 4.1
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,020	119,360	115,380	- 2.0	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	32,220	32,240	33,630	- 0.1	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	84,800	87,120	81,750	- 2.7	+ 3.7
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	72,560	74,040	72,020	- 2.0	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	17,930	18,010	19,340	- 0.4	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	54,630	56,030	52,680	- 2.5	+ 3.7
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	125,780	128,290	122,910	- 2.0	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	22,660	23,020	22,820	- 1.6	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	103,120	105,270	100,090	- 2.0	+ 3.0

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Jan. '89	Dec. '88 (R)	Jan. '88 (R)	Percent Change to January 1989 from:	
				Dec. '88	Jan. '88
<u>TORRINGTON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	33,780	34,880	32,540	- 3.2	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	8,040	7,990	7,770	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	25,740	26,890	24,770	- 4.3	+ 3.9
<u>WATERBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,510	89,550	85,580	- 2.3	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	23,990	23,990	23,900	- 0.0	+ 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	63,520	65,560	61,680	- 3.1	+ 3.0
<u>WILLIMANTIC</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,650	24,700	21,000	- 12.3	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	1,990	2,060	2,020	- 3.4	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	19,720	22,640	18,980	- 12.9	+ 3.9

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1988	Jan. 1988
Bridgeport	\$472.46	\$473.30	\$478.13	41.7	41.7	42.5	\$11.33	\$11.35	\$11.25
Hartford	493.96	500.95	470.42	42.4	43.0	43.0	11.65	11.65	10.94
New Britain	499.41	501.84	474.57	43.4	43.6	43.3	11.52	11.51	10.96
New Haven	442.26	438.68	405.78	42.2	42.1	39.9	10.48	10.42	10.17
Stamford	501.74	486.29	472.83	40.3	39.6	39.7	12.45	12.28	11.91
Waterbury	449.10	454.72	415.98	45.0	44.8	44.3	9.98	10.15	9.39

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)*		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Seasonally Adj.
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	\$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1671.0	1669.8	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1674.9	1667.4	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1693.0	1669.4	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1663.7	1671.7	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9 (R)
1989							
Jan....	1671.1 (P)	1694.8 (P)	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5597.7 (P)
Feb....							
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.1
Feb....	11959	14947	41.6	41.8	128.1	124.6
Mar....	25076	23432**	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.6
Apr....	19924	16400	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.5
May....	14189	14866	41.7	41.8	129.0	124.3
Jun....	13507	13681	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.6	41.8	102.0	119.4
Aug....	11780	11652	41.2	41.9	105.4	121.5
Sep....	10988	10192	42.0	42.0	128.1	124.9
Oct....	9232	10342	41.8	41.8	129.5	125.8
Nov....	12193	11251	42.2	41.8	135.4	129.0
Dec....	11393	10030	42.3	41.7	124.0	130.2
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.1	134.9	130.1
Feb....						
Mar....						
Apr....						
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Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

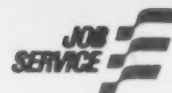
	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1972	31,800,000
				1973	21,700,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1974	8,500,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1975	203,000,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1976	137,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1977	75,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1978	37,000,000
				1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1977	27,300,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1978	37,300,000
				1979	39,600,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1984	30,876,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1985	32,930,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1986	40,187,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000		
Jan '88	29,855	\$18,603,000	\$ 4,976,000	Loan Repayments	
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000	Via Employer Tax	
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000	Credit Reduction	
				1975	\$ 12,906,000
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000	1981	46,537,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000	1982	49,496,000
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000	1983	53,975,000
				1984	57,349,000
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000	1985	61,138,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000	1986	64,449,000r
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000		
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	Total Outstanding	
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	Loans	
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000	(1/31/89)	
Jan '89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000	\$ 0	
Feb					
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Statewide employment was down one-tenth of a percent in February when unemployment decreased and personal income once again reached a new high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment of 1,671,700 in February compared with January's revised 1,673,500 jobs and was 26,700 higher than the same month of 1988 (page 2). Seasonal trends showed fewer jobs in construction, retail trade and general merchandise. There were monthly gains in service and government jobs with most nonmanufacturing categories above (2.5%) 1988 employment levels. Jobs increased over the month in Bristol, New Britain, Waterbury and Willimantic, and were lower in the remaining markets (pages 5 & 6). Compared with last year, employment was higher in all labor areas except Danielson and Norwalk.

Average weekly wages of factory production workers and the workweek declined to \$459.95 and 41.7 hours while hourly earnings were up three-cents to \$11.03 (page 3). A year earlier, these workers earned \$10.72 an hour for a 41.6-hour week with weekly earnings averaging \$445.95. Slight monthly increases occurred in straight-time earnings which were 2.8 percent higher than last year at \$10.29 an hour and \$411.60 per week. Among the six largest labor market areas (page 6), the highest average weekly factory wage was paid to workers in Stamford, \$507.12, followed by Hartford, \$493.32 and New Britain, \$484.92.

Unemployment: Unemployment was estimated at 59,300 or 3.5 percent, down from 61,800 (3.7%) the previous month (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate remained at 3.2 percent. Last year it was 2.9 percent. Monthly improvement was recorded in 13 labor market areas and unemployment increased one-tenth in Danielson and was unchanged in Middletown.

Other Indicators: In addition to lower unemployment, initial (first-time) claims for unemployment benefits declined, new automobile registrations increased and personal income of state residents reached an all-time high at a preliminary estimate of \$5-billion, 641-million (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Feb. 1989 (P)	Jan. 1989 (R)	Feb. 1988 (R)	% Change Feb. '89 over Jan. '89	% Change Feb. '89 over Feb. '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,671,700*	1,673,500*	1,645,000*	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Manufacturing.....	374,400*	375,600*	379,000*	- 0.3	- 1.2
Durable.....	280,600*	282,300*	285,000*	- 0.6	- 1.5
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,000	7,100	7,200	- 1.4	- 2.8
Primary Metals.....	13,000	13,100	13,700	- 0.8	- 5.1
Fabricated Metals.....	42,600*	42,700*	43,300*	- 0.2	- 1.6
Machinery exc. Elec.....	49,000	48,900	47,200	+ 0.2	+ 3.8
Electrical Equipment....	47,300	47,800	48,000	- 1.0	- 1.5
Transportation Equipment	83,800	84,700	86,700	- 1.1	- 3.3
Instruments & Clocks....	24,600	24,700	25,100	- 0.4	- 2.0
Other Durable.....	13,300	13,300	13,800	0.0	- 3.6
Nondurable.....	93,800	93,300	94,000	+ 0.5	- 0.2
Food.....	11,600	11,500	11,500	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Textiles.....	3,300	3,200	3,900	+ 3.1	- 15.4
Apparel.....	6,400	6,300	6,900	+ 1.6	- 7.2
Paper.....	9,400	9,400	9,500	0.0	- 1.1
Printing & Publishing...	28,600	28,600	28,500	0.0	+ 0.4
Chemicals.....	21,300	21,200	20,700	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,600	11,500	11,500	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,600	1,500	0.0	+ 6.7
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,297,300	1,297,900	1,266,000	0.0**	+ 2.5
Construction & Mining....	69,900	71,700	72,500	- 2.5	- 3.6
Transportation.....	41,100	41,100	40,100	0.0	+ 2.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,000	16,900	16,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Other Transportation....	24,100	24,200	23,600	- 0.4	+ 2.1
Communications.....	18,900	18,800	18,800	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Utilities.....	12,900	12,900	13,100	0.0	- 1.5
Trade.....	378,700	383,400	368,700	- 1.2	+ 2.7
Wholesale.....	88,800	88,900	87,000	- 0.1	+ 2.1
Retail.....	289,900	294,500	281,700	- 1.6	+ 2.9
General Merchandise....	37,300	39,900	35,800	- 6.5	+ 4.2
Food Stores.....	50,300	50,600	50,200	- 0.6	+ 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	33,600	33,600	32,300	0.0	+ 4.0
Restaurants.....	72,900	72,600	73,100	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Other Retail Trade.....	95,800	97,800	90,300	- 2.0	+ 6.1
Finance, Ins. & R.E....	153,900	154,200	151,600	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Banking.....	35,600	35,600	34,600	0.0	+ 2.9
Insurance.....	79,200	79,500	80,600	- 0.4	- 1.7
Real Estate.....	16,000	16,000	14,900	0.0	+ 7.4
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,100	23,100	21,500	0.0	+ 7.4
Services.....	409,700	407,900	393,000	+ 0.4	+ 4.2
Hotels.....	12,200	12,100	12,200	+ 0.8	0.0
Personal Services.....	20,400	20,200	19,400	+ 1.0	+ 5.2
Business Services.....	91,100	90,800	88,900	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Health Services.....	124,300	124,500	119,400	- 0.2	+ 4.1
Law & Professional.....	38,900	38,900	35,600	0.0	+ 9.3
Educational Services....	37,100	36,100	34,800	+ 2.8	+ 6.6
Other Services.....	85,700	85,300	82,700	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Government.....	212,200	207,900	208,200	+ 2.1	+ 1.9
Federal.....	25,900	25,800	25,500	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
State & Local.....	186,300	182,100	182,700	+ 2.3	+ 2.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (R) Revised (P) Preliminary

** Less than 0.05 percent

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	Feb.	1989	Jan.	1989	Feb.	1988 (R)
		Percent		Percent		Percent
		of		of		of
		Labor		Labor		Labor
	Number	Force**	Number	Force**	Number	Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	59,300	3.5	61,800	3.7	55,900	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.2)		(3.2)		(2.9)
Ct. Statistical Areas						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	10,100	4.5	10,400	4.7	9,100	4.0
Bristol.....	1,600	4.2	1,700	4.6	1,600	4.3
Danbury.....	3,400	3.0	3,400	3.1	3,400	3.1
Danielson.....	2,100	6.6	2,100	6.5	1,800	5.5
Hartford.....	13,100	3.1	13,900	3.4	12,300	3.0
Middletown.....	1,700	3.1	1,700	3.1	1,400	2.8
Lower River.....	500	2.8	500	3.2	500	2.9
New Britain.....	2,900	4.1	2,900	4.2	2,600	3.7
New Haven.....	8,700	3.2	9,200	3.5	8,200	3.1
New London/Norwich*..	4,300	3.4	4,800	3.8	4,500	3.6
Norwalk.....	1,900	2.5	2,000	2.6	1,900	2.4
Stamford.....	2,400	2.1	2,400	2.2	2,500	2.2
Torrington.....	1,800	3.7	1,800	3.9	1,700	3.6
Waterbury.....	4,500	4.5	4,700	4.8	4,400	4.5
Willimantic.....	800	2.7	800	3.2	700	2.3
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,883,000	5.6	7,309,000	6.0	7,482,000	6.2
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.1)		(5.4)		(5.7)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

(R) Revised

* U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS *				
* Feb. '89 Jan. '89 Feb. '88 *				
* 1967=100..... 364.1 362.7 347.4 *				
* 1982-84=100..... 121.6 121.1 116.0 *				
* Percent Change From.... xxx + 0.4 + 4.8 *				

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

**AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK**

Statistical Area	Feb. '89	Jan. '89	Feb. '88 (R)	Percent Change to February 1989 from:	
				Jan. '89	Feb. '88
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	200,880	201,600*	199,590	- 0.4	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	56,790	56,720*	57,880	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	144,090	144,880	141,710	- 0.5	+ 1.7
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,050	25,980	25,300	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	7,950	7,940	7,820	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	18,100	18,040	17,480	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	83,830	84,040	81,320	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	25,310	24,920	24,180	+ 1.6	+ 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	58,520	59,120	57,140	- 1.0	+ 2.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,420	22,760	22,500*	- 1.5	- 0.4
Manufacturing	8,060	8,280	8,620*	- 2.7	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	14,360	14,480	13,880	- 0.8	+ 3.5
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	485,400*	486,590*	476,100*	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	89,770*	90,240*	90,900*	- 0.5	- 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	395,630	396,350	385,200	- 0.2	+ 2.7
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	48,730	49,080	46,800	- 0.7	+ 4.1
Manufacturing	9,770	10,080	9,840	- 3.1	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	38,960	39,000	36,960	- 0.1	+ 5.4
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,340	14,520	14,130	- 1.2	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	4,680	4,750	4,780	- 1.5	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	9,660	9,770	9,350	- 1.1	+ 3.3
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	65,000	64,980	63,850	+ 0.0	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	19,250	19,380	19,430	- 0.7	- 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	45,750	45,600	44,420	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	259,350	260,010	252,010	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	47,460	47,670	47,490	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	211,890	212,340	204,520	- 0.2	+ 3.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	116,540	117,020	115,520	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	32,060	32,220	33,580	- 0.5	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	84,480	84,800	81,940	- 0.4	+ 3.1
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	71,820	72,560	71,870	- 1.0	- 0.1
Manufacturing	17,820	17,930	19,380	- 0.6	- 8.0
Nonmanufacturing	54,000	54,630	52,490	- 1.2	+ 2.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	124,750	125,780	121,920	- 0.8	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	22,750	22,660	22,800	+ 0.4	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	102,000	103,120	99,120	- 1.1	+ 2.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Feb. '89	Jan. '89	Feb. '88 (R)	Percent Change to February 1989 from:	
				Jan. '89	Feb. '88
<u>TORRINGTON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	33,520	33,780	32,400	- 0.8	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	8,010	8,040	7,820	- 0.4	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	25,510	25,740	24,580	- 0.9	+ 3.8
<u>WATERBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,830	87,510	85,400	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	24,200	23,990	23,880	+ 0.9	+ 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	63,630	63,520	61,520	+ 0.2	+ 3.4
<u>WILLIMANTIC</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,140	21,750	23,840	+ 11.0	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	1,990	1,930	2,120	+ 3.1	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	22,150	19,820	21,720	+ 11.8	+ 2.0

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1989	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1989	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988	Feb. 1989	Jan. 1989	Feb. 1988
Bridgeport	\$484.38	\$472.46	\$475.73	41.8	41.7	42.4	\$11.60	\$11.33	\$11.22
Hartford	493.32	493.96	468.17	42.2	42.4	42.6	11.69	11.65	10.99
New Britain	484.92	499.97	475.78	43.0	43.4	44.3	11.69	11.52	10.74
New Haven	437.18	442.26	409.45	41.4	42.2	40.3	10.56	10.48	10.16
Stamford	507.12	501.74	474.36	40.7	40.3	40.2	12.46	12.45	11.80
Waterbury	442.82	449.10	406.08	43.8	45.0	42.7	10.11	9.98	9.51

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<u>Employment</u>		<u>Av. Weekly</u>		<u>Rate Total</u>		<u>Personal Income</u>
	<u>Nonag. (Thous.)</u>		<u>Initial Claims</u>		<u>Unemployment</u>		<u>Millions</u>
	<u>Actual</u> (R)	<u>Seas.</u> <u>Adj.</u> (R)	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Seas.</u> <u>Adj.</u> (R)	<u>Actual</u> (R)	<u>Seas.</u> <u>Adj.</u> (R)	<u>Seasonally Adj.</u>
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	\$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1671.0	1669.8	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1674.9	1667.4	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1693.0	1669.4	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1663.7	1671.7	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9

1989							
Jan....	1673.5(R)	1697.3(R)	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5601.7(R)
Feb....	1671.7(P)	1698.9(P)	4000	4115	3.5	3.2	5641.2(P)
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.3	42.3	130.7	126.1
Feb....	11959	14947	41.6	41.8	128.1	124.6
Mar....	25076*	23432*	41.9	41.8	129.5	124.6
Apr....	19924	16400	41.9	41.9	129.7	124.5
May....	14189	14866	41.7	41.8	129.0	124.3
Jun....	13507	13681	41.7	41.7	130.1	125.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.6	41.8	102.0	119.4
Aug....	11780	11652	41.2	41.9	105.4	121.5
Sep....	10988	10192	42.0	42.0	128.1	124.9
Oct....	9232	10342	41.8	41.8	129.5	125.8
Nov....	12193	11251	42.2	41.8	135.4	129.0
Dec....	11393	10030	42.3	41.7	124.0	130.2
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.1	134.9	130.1
Feb....	8453	10566	41.7	41.9	133.0	129.4
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1972	31,800,000
				1973	21,700,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1974	8,500,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1975	203,000,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1976	157,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1977	75,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1978	37,000,000
				1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1977	27,300,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000	1986	40,187,000
Jan '88	29,855	\$18,603,000	\$ 4,976,000	Loan Repayments	
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000	Via Employer Tax	
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000	Credit Reduction	
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000	1981	46,537,000
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000	1982	49,496,000
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000	1983	53,975,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000	1984	57,349,000
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000	1985	61,138,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	1986	64,451,000R
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	Total Outstanding	
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000	Loans	
Jan '89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000	(2/28/89)	
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000	\$ 0	
Mar					
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				Ct. UC Trust Fund	
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				\$288.3 million	

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Employment in March was up in all geographical labor markets in Connecticut, with the statewide increase totaling eight-tenths of a percent and personal income in the month once again reaching a record high, announced State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment of 1,684,300 for the month compared with a revised February job total of 1,670,700. The March figure was 23,100 more than a year before (page 2). In the manufacturing sector, several categories showed employment improvement during the month, but overall the level was down 0.1 percent compared with February. All major nonmanufacturing categories improved over the month, with the service industry adding 5,500 jobs and construction and retailing each adding 3,000 jobs. Compared with a year before, nonmanufacturing jobs were up 28,700. Nonagricultural jobs increased during the month in all 15 state labor markets (pages 5 and 6). Employment was higher compared with March 1988 in all labor areas except Danielson and Norwalk.

Average weekly wages of factory production workers and the workweek increased to \$469.84 and 42.1 hours. Hourly earnings were \$11.16, an increase of 4 cents (page 3). A year earlier, these workers earned \$10.75 an hour for a 41.8-hour week with weekly earnings averaging \$449.35. Slight monthly increases occurred in straight-time earnings that, at \$10.67 an hour and \$426.80 per week, were 3.6 percent higher than in March 1988. Among the six largest labor market areas (page 6), the highest average weekly factory wage was paid to workers in Stamford (\$531.85), Hartford (\$501.50) and New Britain (\$499.97).

Unemployment: Unemployment was estimated at 53,200 or 3 percent, down from 59,400 (3.5 percent) the previous month (page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate also dropped, from 3.2 percent in February to 2.9 percent, the lowest rate since 2.6 percent in May 1988. Last year it was 2.7 percent in March. Monthly improvement was recorded in all labor market areas. The estimates include people who are receiving unemployment benefits, others who are ineligible for compensation or whose benefits expired and those entering or re-entering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In addition to lower unemployment, initial (first-time) unemployment claims declined from February, new automobile registrations increased and personal income of state residents reached a record, with the preliminary estimate at \$5.651 billion (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Mar. 1989 (P)	Feb. 1989 (R)	Mar. 1988 (R)	% Change Mar. '89 over Feb. '89	% Change Mar. '89 over Mar. '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,684,300*	1,670,700*	1,661,200*	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
Manufacturing.....	373,600*	374,100*	379,200*	- 0.1	- 1.5
Durable.....	279,700*	280,300*	285,000*	- 0.2	- 1.9
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,000	7,000	7,200	0.0	- 2.8
Primary Metals.....	13,300	13,100	13,800	+ 1.5	- 3.6
Fabricated Metals.....	42,600*	42,600*	43,400*	0.0	- 1.8
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,300	48,600	47,500	- 0.6	+ 1.7
Electrical Equipment....	47,200	47,300	47,900	- 0.2	- 1.5
Transportation Equipment	83,500	83,800	86,200	- 0.4	- 3.1
Instruments & Clocks....	24,400	24,600	25,100	- 0.8	- 2.8
Other Durable.....	13,400	13,300	13,900	+ 0.8	- 3.6
Nondurable.....	93,900	93,800	94,200	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Food.....	11,600	11,600	11,500	0.0	+ 0.9
Textiles.....	3,300	3,300	3,900	0.0	- 15.4
Apparel.....	6,500	6,400	6,900	+ 1.6	- 5.8
Paper.....	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	28,400	28,600	28,500	- 0.7	- 0.4
Chemicals.....	21,500	21,300	20,800	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	11,700	11,600	11,600	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,500	1,600	1,600	- 6.3	+ 6.3
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,310,700*	1,296,600	1,282,000	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Construction & Mining....	72,800	69,800	76,300	+ 4.3	- 4.6
Transportation.....	40,800*	40,400	40,400	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,000	16,900	16,600	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Other Transportation....	23,800*	23,500	23,800	+ 1.3	0.0
Communications.....	18,900	18,900	18,900	0.0	0.0
Utilities.....	12,900	12,900	13,100	0.0	- 1.5
Trade.....	382,100	378,800	370,200	+ 0.9	+ 3.2
Wholesale.....	88,800	88,500	87,400	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Retail.....	293,300	290,300	282,800	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
General Merchandise....	37,600	37,700	35,400	- 0.3	+ 6.2
Food Stores.....	51,300	50,300	50,100	+ 2.0	+ 2.4
Auto Dlr. & Gas Sta...	33,800	33,600	32,500	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Restaurants.....	74,100	72,900	74,200	+ 1.6	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade.....	96,500	95,800	90,600	+ 0.7	+ 6.5
Finance, Ins. & R.E....	154,400	153,800	152,300	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Banking.....	35,600	35,500	34,600	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Insurance.....	79,300	79,200	80,700	+ 0.1	- 1.7
Real Estate.....	16,200	16,000	15,300	+ 1.3	+ 5.9
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,300	23,100	21,700	+ 0.9	+ 7.4
Services.....	415,000	409,500	399,700	+ 1.3	+ 3.8
Hotels.....	12,400	12,000	12,400	+ 3.3	0.0
Personal Services.....	20,700	20,400	19,800	+ 1.5	+ 4.5
Business Services.....	92,500	91,000	90,700	+ 1.6	+ 2.0
Health Services.....	125,200	124,500	120,200	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Law & Professional.....	39,200	38,900	35,900	+ 0.8	+ 9.2
Educational Services....	37,500	37,100	35,800	+ 1.1	+ 4.7
Other Services.....	87,500	85,600	84,900	+ 2.2	+ 3.1
Government.....	213,800	212,500	211,100	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Federal.....	26,000	25,900	25,500	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
State & Local.....	187,800	186,600	185,600	+ 0.6	+ 1.2

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (R) Revised (P) Preliminary Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS	
	Mar. 1989	Feb. 1989(R)	Mar. 1989(R)	Feb. 1989(R)	Mar. 1989	Feb. 1989(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)						
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	\$469.84	\$465.93	\$449.35	42.1	\$11.16	\$10.75
Lumber & Furniture.....	378.62	374.74	348.96	40.8	9.28	8.79
Primary Metals.....	500.19	496.16	482.12	46.4	10.78	10.69
Fabricated Metals.....	447.10	446.22	444.14	42.5	10.52	10.21
Machinery.....	522.30	515.39	487.49	44.3	11.79	11.13
Electrical Equipment.....	387.73	388.81	381.41	40.9	9.48	9.28
Transportation Equipment.....	562.28	557.46	525.26	42.5	13.23	12.78
Instruments and Clocks.....	482.89	478.07	438.63	43.7	11.05	10.13
Other Durable Mfg.....	382.39	370.56	412.16	39.3	9.73	9.79
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	434.27	428.39	420.56	40.7	10.67	10.41
Food.....	396.29	390.56	401.58	38.7	10.24	10.09
Textiles.....	369.73	356.49	335.67	42.4	8.72	8.35
Apparel.....	277.77	274.32	240.54	39.4	7.05	6.59
Paper.....	496.65	490.75	475.86	43.0	11.55	11.33
Printing and Publishing.....	427.89	422.99	427.50	37.6	11.38	11.25
Chemicals.....	561.60	549.11	548.87	43.3	12.97	12.17
Rubber and Misc. Plastics.....	382.05	387.74	365.36	41.8	9.14	9.18
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	301.10	307.18	297.69	36.9	8.16	8.73
CONSTRUCTION.....	646.62	639.81	654.72	39.0	16.58	15.93

(R) Revised

UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	Mar.	1989(P) Percent of Labor Force**	Feb.	1989(R) Percent of Labor Force**	Mar.	1988(R) Percent of Labor Force**
	Number		Number		Number	
Ct. State Totals* Actual	53,200	3.0	59,400	3.5	50,100	2.9
Seasonally Adjusted...		(2.9)		(3.2)		(2.7)
<u>Ct. Statistical Areas</u>						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	9,100	3.9	10,100	4.5	8,300	3.6
Bristol.....	1,500	3.9	1,600	4.2	1,400	3.7
Danbury.....	2,900	2.6	3,400	3.1	3,000	2.7
Danielson.....	1,900	5.8	2,100	6.5	1,500	4.5
Hartford.....	11,800	2.8	13,100	3.1	11,000	2.6
Middletown.....	1,400	2.6	1,600	3.1	1,200	2.4
Lower River.....	400	2.4	500	2.9	400	2.2
New Britain.....	2,600	3.6	2,900	4.1	2,300	3.2
New Haven.....	7,700	2.8	8,800	3.2	7,300	2.7
New London/Norwich*..	4,100	3.1	4,300	3.4	4,100	3.2
Norwalk.....	1,700	2.1	1,900	2.5	1,700	2.2
Stamford.....	2,100	1.9	2,400	2.1	2,300	2.0
Torrington.....	1,600	3.3	1,800	3.8	1,400	2.9
Waterbury.....	4,000	3.9	4,500	4.5	4,000	4.0
Willimantic.....	800	2.5	800	2.7	600	1.9
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,378,000	5.2	6,883,000	5.6	7,090,000	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.0)		(5.1)		(5.6)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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* U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS *				
* Mar. '89 Feb. '89 Mar. '88 *				
* 1967=100..... 366.2 364.1 349.0 *				
* 1982-84=100..... 122.3 121.6 116.5 *				
* Percent Change From.... xxx + 0.6 + 5.0 *				

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.

The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Mar. '89	Feb. '89	Mar. '88 (R)	Percent Change to February 1989 from:	
				Feb. '89	Mar. '88
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	202,030	200,880	200,910	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	56,620	56,790	57,680	- 0.3	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	145,410	144,090	143,230	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,260	26,050	25,450	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	7,920	7,950	7,830	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	18,340	18,100	17,620	+ 1.3	+ 4.1
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,160	83,830	82,200	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	25,170	25,310	24,060	- 0.6	+ 4.6
Nonmanufacturing	58,990	58,520	58,140	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,660	22,420	22,790*	+ 1.1	- 0.6
Manufacturing	8,110	8,060	8,650*	+ 0.6	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	14,550	14,360	14,140	+ 1.3	+ 2.9
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	487,870*	485,400*	480,990*	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	89,630*	89,770*	91,150*	- 0.2	- 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	398,240*	395,630	389,840	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	48,900	48,730	47,300	+ 0.3	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	9,740	9,770	9,810	- 0.3	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	39,160	38,960	37,490	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,510	14,340	14,150	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	4,690	4,680	4,770	+ 0.2	- 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	9,820	9,660	9,380	+ 1.7	+ 4.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	65,650	65,000	64,440	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	19,220	19,250	19,470	- 0.2	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	46,430	45,750	44,970	+ 1.5	+ 3.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	261,540	259,350	255,020*	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	47,390	47,460	47,750	- 0.1	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	214,150	211,890	207,270*	+ 1.1	+ 3.3
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,330	116,540	116,580	+ 0.7	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	32,140	32,060	33,530	+ 0.2	- 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	85,190	84,480	83,050	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	72,340	71,820	72,610	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Manufacturing	17,770	17,820	19,280	- 0.3	- 7.8
Nonmanufacturing	54,570	54,000	53,330	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	125,270	124,750	123,530	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	22,400	22,750	22,760	- 1.5	- 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	102,870	102,000	100,770	+ 0.9	+ 2.1

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Mar. '89	Feb. '89	Mar. '88 (R)	Percent Change to March 1989 from:	
				Feb. '89	Mar. '88
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,050	33,520	32,830	+ 1.6	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	8,180	8,010	7,850	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	25,870	25,510	24,980	+ 1.4	+ 3.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	88,460	87,830	86,070	+ 0.7	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	24,370	24,200	23,940	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	64,090	63,630	62,130	+ 0.7	+ 3.2
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,170	24,140	23,850	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	1,990	1,990	2,130	0.0	- 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	22,180	22,150	21,720	+ 0.1	+ 2.1

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Feb.	Mar.
	1989	1989	1988	1989	1989	1988	1989	1989	1988
Bridgeport	\$479.94	\$484.88	\$473.20	42.1	41.8	42.1	\$11.40	\$11.60	\$11.24
Hartford	501.50	493.32	472.51	42.5	42.2	42.8	11.80	11.69	11.04
New Britain	499.97	484.92	472.14	43.4	42.8	43.0	11.52	11.33	10.98
New Haven	439.85	437.18	411.68	41.3	41.4	40.4	10.65	10.56	10.19
Stamford	531.85	507.12	491.66	43.1	40.7	40.7	12.34	12.46	12.08
Waterbury	433.72	442.82	407.21	42.9	43.8	43.0	10.11	10.11	9.47

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.	Dec.	Mar.	Mar.	Dec.	Mar.	Mar.	Dec.	Mar.
	1989	1988	1988	1989	1988	1988	1989	1988	1988
Bristol	\$488.57	\$524.96	\$496.25	42.3	45.1	43.8	\$11.55	\$11.64	\$11.33
Danbury	453.69	467.70	454.08	42.6	44.5	44.0	10.65	10.51	10.32
Danielson	414.53	394.40	411.10	40.6	40.0	41.4	10.21	9.86	9.93
Middletown	505.94	505.08	478.12	41.1	41.4	40.9	12.31	12.20	11.69
Lower River	401.58	410.73	364.61	39.8	42.3	40.2	10.09	9.71	9.07
New London-									
Norwich**	478.39	488.35	473.40	40.1	40.9	40.6	11.93	11.94	11.66
Norwalk	477.24	494.34	463.94	41.9	42.8	43.4	11.39	11.55	10.69
Torrington	368.34	375.72	368.43	40.7	41.7	42.3	9.05	9.01	8.71
Willimantic	421.02	429.68	439.69	42.7	42.5	42.4	9.86	10.11	10.37

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	\$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1671.0	1669.8	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1674.9	1667.4	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1693.0	1669.4	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1663.7	1671.7	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9
1989							
Jan....	1673.5	1697.3	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5601.7
Feb....	1670.7(R)	1697.9(R)	4000	4115	3.5	3.2	5638.3(R)
Mar....	1684.3(P)	1701.3(P)	3103	4083	3.0	2.9	5651.0(P)
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.2	42.1	128.0	123.6
Feb....	11959	14947	41.5	41.7	125.1	121.9
Mar....	25076*	23432*	41.8	41.7	126.5	121.8
Apr....	19924	16400	41.7	41.7	126.0	121.1
May....	14189	14866	41.5	41.6	125.8	121.7
Jun....	13507	13681	41.6	41.6	125.5	120.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.4	41.7	96.4	113.0
Aug....	11780	11652	41.1	41.8	98.1	113.4
Sep....	10988	10192	42.4	42.5	124.1	121.0
Oct....	9232	10342	42.0	41.9	123.9	119.6
Nov....	12193	11251	42.3	41.8	130.1	124.2
Dec....	11393	10030	42.2	41.6	117.7	123.0
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.0	129.7	125.2
Feb....	8453	10566	41.9	42.1	130.0	128.7
Mar....	18761*	17534*	42.1	42.0	132.5	127.5
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1972	31,800,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1973	21,700,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1974	8,500,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1975	203,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1976	137,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1977	75,000,000
				1978	37,000,000
				1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1977	27,300,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000	1986	40,187,000
Jan'88	29,855	\$18,603,000	\$ 4,976,000	Loan Repayments	
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000	Via Employer Tax	
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000	Credit Reduction	
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000	1981	46,537,000
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000	1982	49,496,000
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000	1983	53,975,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000	1984	57,349,000
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000	1985	61,138,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	1986	64,457,000R
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	Total Outstanding	
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000	Loans	
Jan'89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000	(3/31/89)	
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000	\$ 0	
Mar	32,428	26,006,000	801,000		
Apr				Ct. UC Trust Fund	
May				Reserve - (3/31/89)	
Jun				\$262.8 million	
Jul					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
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May 1989

Connecticut's employment ranks continued to swell in May while unemployment dropped to below 3 percent, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Overall employment of 1,693,600 reflected a monthly increase of 13,000 jobs, and 20,000 over the April 1988 figure (page 2). It was the highest level since last December. Continued hiring in the non-factory sector offset a decline in manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing payrolls reached 1,321,800, largely from monthly employment boosts in services (up 5,400), construction (+5,700) and trade (+3,700). Smaller gains were in finance, insurance and real estate and transportation. Fourteen labor markets had job gains over the month which were unchanged in the Waterbury area. Compared with last year, employment was up in all markets except Danielson and Norwalk where there were slight declines.

The April manufacturing workweek average of 42-hours was off one-tenth and brought weekly wages to \$469.56, down from \$469.84 (page 3). The per hour pay rate was up two-cents to \$11.18. Last year's wages averaged \$449.11 weekly at \$10.77 per hour for a 41.7-hour week. Straight-time wages of \$428 weekly and \$10.70 an hour were also up 3.6 percent from a year ago. Among the major labor market areas in the state, factory workers in Stamford earned the highest weekly wage at \$525.73, followed by Hartford, \$499.23 and New Britain, \$492.06 (page 6). The construction industry paid the highest average April weekly wage, \$670.47; chemicals was second, \$555.08, and transportation equipment, \$553.08 (page 3).

Unemployment: Joblessness dropped by 2,200 to 51,200 in April and the actual rate from 3 to a 1989 low of 2.9 percent (page 4) which compared with 2.6 percent last year. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.1 percent compared with 2.9 percent in March and remained substantially under the national rate of 5.3 percent. Connecticut's 3 percent March unemployment rate was the second lowest in the nation after New Hampshire's 2.7 percent. Included in the estimate were people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. Monthly improvement in unemployment was recorded in 11 labor markets. The Middletown area rate was unchanged and Danbury, Norwalk and Stamford had slight increases.

Other Indicators: In other sections of the economy, manufacturing output and new car registrations were down. The preliminary estimate of personal income of state residents repeated last year's experience and showed a monthly decline.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Apr. 1989(P)	Mar. 1989(R)	Apr. 1988(R)	% Change Apr. '89 over Mar. '89	% Change Apr. '89 over Apr. '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,693,600*	1,680,600*	1,673,600*	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Manufacturing.....	371,800*	373,800*	378,100*	- 0.5	- 1.7
Durable.....	278,200*	279,900*	284,100*	- 0.6	- 2.1
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,900	7,000	7,100	- 1.4	- 2.8
Primary Metals.....	13,200	13,200	13,700	0.0	- 3.6
Fabricated Metals.....	42,200*	42,600*	43,400*	- 0.9	- 2.8
Machinery exc. EleC.....	48,000	48,600	47,300	- 1.2	+ 1.5
Electrical Equipment....	46,700	47,200	47,800	- 1.1	- 2.3
Transportation Equipment	83,300	83,400	85,800	- 0.1	- 2.9
Instruments & Clocks....	24,400	24,500	25,100	- 0.4	- 2.8
Other Durable.....	13,500	13,400	13,900	+ 0.7	- 2.9
Nondurable.....	93,600	93,900	94,000	- 0.3	- 0.4
Food.....	11,300	11,600	11,600	- 2.6	- 2.6
Textiles.....	3,300	3,300	3,800	0.0	- 13.2
Apparel.....	6,500	6,500	6,900	0.0	- 5.8
Paper.....	9,400	9,400	9,300	0.0	+ 1.1
Printing & Publishing...	28,400	28,400	28,200	0.0	+ 0.7
Chemicals.....	21,500	21,500	20,900	0.0	+ 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,600	11,700	11,700	- 0.9	- 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,500	1,600	+ 6.7	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,321,800*	1,306,800*	1,295,500	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Construction & Mining....	76,500	70,800	81,600	+ 8.1	- 6.3
Transportation.....	41,200*	41,000*	40,700	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	16,900	16,900	16,600	0.0	+ 1.8
Other Transportation....	24,300*	24,100*	24,100	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Communications.....	18,700	18,700	18,800	0.0	- 0.5
Utilities.....	12,800	12,800	13,100	0.0	- 2.3
Trade.....	385,600	381,900	372,800	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
Wholesale.....	89,600	88,600	88,100	+ 1.1	+ 1.7
Retail.....	296,000	293,300	284,700	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
General Merchandise....	37,700	37,600	34,700	+ 0.3	+ 8.6
Food Stores.....	50,900	51,300	49,000	- 0.8	+ 3.9
Auto Dlr. & Gas Sta...	34,300	33,800	33,000	+ 1.5	+ 3.9
Restaurants.....	76,100	74,100	76,600	+ 2.7	- 0.7
Other Retail Trade....	97,000	96,500	91,400	+ 0.5	+ 6.1
Finance, Ins. & R.E....	154,500	154,200	152,900	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Banking.....	35,700	35,600	34,800	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Insurance.....	79,200	79,100	80,700	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Real Estate.....	16,200	16,200	15,700	0.0	+ 3.2
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,400	23,300	21,700	+ 0.4	+ 7.8
Services.....	419,000	413,600	404,300	+ 1.3	+ 3.6
Hotels.....	12,700	12,100	12,800	+ 5.0	- 0.8
Personal Services.....	20,900	20,700	20,000	+ 1.0	+ 4.5
Business Services.....	92,500	91,600	91,500	+ 1.0	+ 1.1
Health Services.....	126,000	125,200	120,300	+ 0.6	+ 4.7
Law & Professional.....	39,500	39,200	36,200	+ 0.8	+ 9.1
Educational Services....	36,900	37,500	35,500	- 1.6	+ 3.9
Other Services.....	90,500	87,300	88,000	+ 3.7	+ 2.8
Government.....	213,500	213,800	211,300	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Federal.....	25,900	26,000	25,500	- 0.4	+ 1.6
State & Local.....	187,600	187,800	185,800	- 0.1	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (P) Preliminary (R) Revised

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	Apr.	1989 (P) Percent of Labor Force**	Mar.	1989 (R) Percent of Labor Force**	Apr.	1988 (R) Percent of Labor Force**
	Number		Number		Number	
Ct. State Totals* Actual	51,200	2.9	53,400	3.0	44,900	2.6
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.1)		(2.9)		(2.7)
Ct. Statistical Areas						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,800	3.7	9,200	4.0	7,500	3.2
Bristol.....	1,400	3.5	1,500	3.9	1,000	2.8
Danbury.....	3,100	2.7	2,900	2.6	2,800	2.4
Danielson.....	1,700	4.9	1,900	5.8	1,200	3.6
Hartford.....	11,000	2.5	11,900	2.8	9,700	2.3
Middletown.....	1,400	2.6	1,400	2.6	1,100	2.0
Lower River.....	400	2.1	400	2.4	400	2.3
New Britain.....	2,500	3.4	2,600	3.6	1,900	2.6
New Haven.....	7,500	2.7	7,700	2.8	7,000	2.5
New London/Norwich*..	3,900	3.0	4,200	3.3	3,800	2.9
Norwalk.....	1,700	2.2	1,700	2.1	1,500	1.9
Stamford.....	2,400	2.1	2,100	1.9	2,200	1.9
Torrington.....	1,400	2.7	1,600	3.3	1,200	2.4
Waterbury.....	3,800	3.7	4,000	3.9	3,300	3.3
Willimantic.....	700	2.3	800	2.6	600	2.1
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,229,000	5.1	6,378,000	5.2	6,359,000	5.3
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.3)		(5.0)		(5.5)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS				
	Apr. '89	Mar. '89	Apr. '88	
1967=100.....	368.8	366.2	350.8	
1982-84=100.....	123.1	122.3	117.1	
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.7	+ 5.1	

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.

The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Apr. '89	Mar. '89	Apr. '88 (R)	Percent Change to April 1989 from:	
				Mar. '89	Apr. '88
BRIDGEPORT-MILFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	203,420	202,030	202,690	+ 0.7	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	56,370	56,620	57,590	- 0.4	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	147,050	145,410	145,100	+ 1.1	+ 1.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,490	26,260	25,700	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	7,830	7,920	7,810	- 1.1	+ 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	18,660	18,340	17,890	+ 1.7	+ 4.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,470	84,160	82,810	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	25,120	25,170	24,180	- 0.2	+ 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	59,350	58,990	58,630	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,760	22,660	23,020*	+ 0.4	- 1.1
Manufacturing	8,080	8,110	8,630*	- 0.4	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,680	14,550	14,390	+ 0.9	+ 2.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	490,020*	487,870*	483,820*	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	89,550*	89,630*	91,040*	- 0.1	- 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	400,470*	398,240*	392,780	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	48,960	48,900	47,430	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	9,720	9,740	9,740	- 0.2	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	39,240	39,160	37,690	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,850	14,510	14,410	+ 2.3	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	4,620	4,690	4,750	- 1.5	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,230	9,820	9,660	+ 4.2	+ 5.9
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	66,150	65,650	65,000	+ 0.8	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	19,040	19,220	19,490	- 0.9	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	47,110	46,430	45,510	+ 1.5	+ 3.5
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	263,280	261,540	257,720*	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	47,310	47,390	47,670	- 0.2	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	215,970	214,150	210,050*	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,730	117,330	117,920	+ 1.2	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	32,190	32,140	33,360	+ 0.2	- 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	86,540	85,190	84,560	+ 1.6	+ 2.3
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	72,680	72,340	72,910	+ 0.5	- 0.3
Manufacturing	17,740	17,770	19,170	- 0.2	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	54,940	54,570	53,740	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	126,010	125,270	124,750	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	22,350	22,400	22,700	- 0.2	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	103,660	102,870	102,050	+ 0.8	+ 1.6

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Apr. '89	Mar. '89	Apr. '88(R)	Percent Change to April 1989 from:	
				Mar. '89	Apr. '88
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,470	34,050	33,510	+ 1.2	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	8,070	8,180	7,890	- 1.3	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	26,400	25,870	25,620	+ 2.0	+ 3.0
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	88,450	88,460	86,560	- 0.0	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	24,110	24,370	23,990	- 1.1	+ 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	64,340	64,090	62,570	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,580	24,170	23,860	+ 1.7	+ 3.0
Manufacturing	1,990	1,990	2,140	0.0	- 7.0
Nonmanufacturing	22,590	22,180	21,720	+ 1.8	+ 4.0

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988	Apr. 1989	Mar. 1989	Apr. 1988
Bridgeport	\$486.45	\$479.94	\$470.95	42.3	42.1	42.2	\$11.50	\$11.40	\$11.16
Hartford	499.23	501.50	471.75	42.2	42.5	42.5	11.83	11.80	11.10
New Britain	492.06	492.63	488.59	42.9	43.1	43.2	11.47	11.43	11.31
New Haven	432.96	439.85	410.66	41.0	41.3	40.3	10.56	10.65	10.19
Stamford	525.73	531.85	494.91	42.5	43.1	40.7	12.37	12.34	12.16
Waterbury	431.86	433.72	410.48	43.1	42.9	43.3	10.02	10.11	9.48

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	\$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1673.6 (R)	1672.0 (R)	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1677.7 (R)	1669.8 (R)	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1695.5 (R)	1671.8 (R)	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1665.8 (R)	1673.4 (R)	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9
1989							
Jan....	1673.5	1697.3	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5601.7
Feb....	1670.7	1699.6 (R)	4000	4115	3.5	3.2	5638.3
Mar....	1680.6 (R)	1697.6 (R)	3103	4083	3.0	2.9	5642.5 (R)
Apr....	1693.6 (P)	1691.9 (P)	3710	4626	2.9	3.1	5637.4 (P)
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.2	42.1	128.0	123.6
Feb....	11959	14947	41.5	41.7	125.1	121.9
Mar....	25076*	23432*	41.8	41.7	126.5	121.8
Apr....	19924	16400	41.7	41.7	126.0	121.1
May....	14189	14866	41.5	41.6	125.8	121.7
Jun....	13507	13681	41.6	41.6	125.5	120.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.4	41.7	96.4	113.0
Aug....	11780	11652	41.1	41.8	98.1	113.4
Sep....	10988	10192	42.4	42.5	124.1	121.0
Oct....	9232	10342	42.0	41.9	123.9	119.6
Nov....	12193	11251	42.3	41.8	130.1	124.2
Dec....	11393	10030	42.2	41.6	117.7	123.0
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.0	129.7	125.2
Feb....	8453	10566	41.9	42.1	130.0	128.7
Mar....	18761*	17534*	42.1	42.0	132.5	127.5
Apr....	12968	10673	42.0	42.0	131.1	126.1
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1972	31,800,000
				1973	21,700,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1974	8,500,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1975	203,000,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1976	137,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1977	75,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1978	37,000,000
				1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000		
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1977	27,300,000
				1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000	1986	40,187,000
Jan '88	29,855	\$18,603,000	\$ 4,976,000		
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000		
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000		
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000		
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000		
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000	Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000		
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000		
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	1981	46,537,000
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	1982	49,496,000
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000	1983	53,975,000
Jan '89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000	1984	57,349,000
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000	1985	61,138,000
Mar	32,428	26,006,000	801,000	1986	64,457,000
Apr	28,016	21,331,000	18,661,000	Total Outstanding	
May				Loans	
Jun				(4/30/89)	
Jul				\$ 0	
Aug					
Sep					
Oct				Ct. UC Trust Fund	
Nov				Reserve - (4/30/89)	
Dec				\$260.3 million	

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Connecticut employment jumped in May, the unemployment rate for the second month in a row was below 3 percent and personal income of state residents reached an all-time high, State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti announces.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment totaled 1,699,000, up 9,500 or 0.6 percent over April and 1.3 percent higher than in May 1988 (page 2). Hiring in the nonmanufacturing sector offset a drop in manufacturing jobs to create the highest employment since December 1988. These additional positions were largely in services (up 4,500), construction and mining (up 3,100) and all segments of the trade industry (up 3,000, with restaurants accounting for 1,900 new jobs). Other gains were in transportation, finance and real estate. Compared with the previous month, employment increased in 14 geographical areas and decreased only in the Willimantic labor market.

Average hourly earnings in manufacturing were \$11.16, a penny more than the previous month and 36 cents higher than the previous May (page 3). The workweek averaged 41.8 hours, a slight dip from the previous month but slightly more than last year. This drop contributed to a monthly decrease in average weekly earnings, to \$466.49. Straight-time wages of \$10.69 an hour and \$427.60 a week were down slightly from the previous month but 3 percent above May 1988. Of the largest labor markets in the state, Stamford boasted the highest weekly wage at \$523.08, followed by Hartford at \$501.76 and Bridgeport, \$487.60 (page 6). Construction workers continued to earn the highest average weekly wage, reaching \$672.30; the chemical industry was second at \$561.47; and transportation equipment third at \$546.97 (page 3).

Unemployment: Joblessness in May remained at 2.9 percent of the labor force, although the number of unemployed rose slightly (page 4). This compares with 2.4 percent for May 1988. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.2 percent compared with 3.1 percent in April and remained substantially under the national rate of 5.2 percent. Connecticut's unemployment rate for April tied with Delaware's for third lowest in the nation after New Hampshire (2.7 percent) and Nebraska (2.8 percent). Included in the estimate were people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or re-entering the labor force. Monthly improvement in unemployment was recorded in five labor markets. Seven others had unchanged rates and the Hartford, Middletown and New Haven areas recorded slight increases. An analysis of 1988 quality control data for unemployment insurance claims in Connecticut indicates a proper payment rate of 94.7 percent. Further information is available upon request.

Other Indicators: In other sections of the economy, manufacturing output was up and new car registrations were down. The preliminary monthly estimate of state residents' personal income indicates an increase to a new high of \$5.655 billion. State data for 1988 show that although the percentage of the population in the work force declined from 1987, representation of workers aged 16 to 19 and of Blacks and Hispanics increased (pages 9 and 10).

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A 1988 profile of the Connecticut labor force is attached.

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	May 1989 (P)	Apr. 1989 (R)	May 1988 (R)	% Change May '89 over Apr. '89	% Change May '89 over May '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,699,000*	1,689,500*	1,677,700*	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Manufacturing.....	370,800*	372,200*	375,300*	- 0.4	- 1.2
Durable.....	277,000*	278,400*	281,900*	- 0.5	- 1.7
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,800	6,900	7,100	- 1.4	- 4.2
Primary Metals.....	13,200	13,300	13,200	- 0.8	0.0
Fabricated Metals.....	42,000*	42,200*	42,500*	- 0.5	- 1.2
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,100	48,000	47,300	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Electrical Equipment....	46,000	46,800	47,800	- 1.7	- 3.8
Transportation Equipment	83,100	83,300	85,200	- 0.2	- 2.5
Instruments & Clocks....	24,300	24,400	25,000	- 0.4	- 2.8
Other Durable.....	13,500	13,500	13,800	0.0	- 2.2
Nondurable.....	93,800	93,800	93,400	0.0	+ 0.4
Food.....	11,800	11,500	11,600	+ 2.6	+ 1.7
Textiles.....	3,300	3,300	3,700	0.0	- 10.8
Apparel.....	6,500	6,500	6,700	0.0	- 3.0
Paper.....	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	28,300	28,400	28,000	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Chemicals.....	21,400	21,500	20,800	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,500	11,600	11,600	- 0.9	- 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,328,200*	1,317,300*	1,302,400*	+ 0.8	+ 2.0
Construction & Mining....	79,100*	76,000	83,900	+ 4.1	- 5.7
Transportation.....	42,100*	41,500*	40,900*	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,100	17,000	16,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Other Transportation....	25,000*	24,500*	24,400*	+ 2.0	+ 2.5
Communications.....	18,200	18,300	18,700	- 0.5	- 2.7
Utilities.....	12,800	12,800	13,100	0.0	- 2.3
Trade.....	388,400	385,400	376,200	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Wholesale.....	90,000	89,800	88,300	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Retail.....	298,400	295,600	287,900	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
General Merchandise....	37,400	37,300	34,500	+ 0.3	+ 8.4
Food Stores.....	51,200	50,900	49,300	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
Auto Dlr. & Gas Sta...	34,500	34,300	33,200	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
Restaurants.....	78,000	76,100	78,700	+ 2.5	- 0.9
Other Retail Trade.....	97,300	97,000	92,200	+ 0.3	+ 5.5
Finance, Ins. & R.E....	154,700	154,300	153,400	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Banking.....	35,800	35,700	34,600	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Insurance.....	79,000	79,100	80,700	- 0.1	- 2.1
Real Estate.....	16,500	16,200	16,500	+ 1.9	0.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,400	23,300	21,600	+ 0.4	+ 8.3
Services.....	420,000	415,500	406,000*	+ 1.1	+ 3.4
Hotels.....	13,100	12,500	13,400	+ 4.8	- 2.2
Personal Services.....	20,600	20,900	19,700	- 1.4	+ 4.6
Business Services.....	92,000	91,300	91,200*	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
Health Services.....	125,700	125,400	120,200	+ 0.2	+ 4.6
Law & Professional.....	39,600	39,500	36,300	+ 0.3	+ 9.1
Educational Services....	37,200	36,900	35,600	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
Other Services.....	91,800	89,000	89,600*	+ 3.1	+ 2.5
Government.....	212,900	213,500	210,200	- 0.3	+ 1.3
Federal.....	26,000	25,900	25,600	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
State & Local.....	186,900	187,600	184,600	- 0.4	+ 1.2

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (P) Preliminary (R) Revised

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS	
	May 1989	Apr. 1989 (R)	May 1989	Apr. 1989 (R)	May 1989	Apr. 1989 (R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)						
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	\$466.49	\$468.30	41.8	42.0	\$11.16	\$11.15
Lumber & Furniture.....	377.29	377.58	40.7	40.6	9.27	9.30
Primary Metals.....	504.21	509.95	46.6	47.0	10.82	10.85
Fabricated Metals.....	451.12	450.93	42.2	42.5	10.69	10.61
Machinery.....	508.58	514.04	43.1	43.6	11.80	11.79
Electrical Equipment.....	389.75	387.16	41.2	41.1	9.46	9.42
Transportation Equipment.....	546.97	553.50	41.5	40.9	13.18	13.21
Instruments and Clocks.....	477.36	487.06	43.2	43.8	11.05	11.12
Other Durable Mfg.....	405.55	395.81	40.8	39.7	9.94	9.97
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	436.45	435.23	40.6	40.6	10.75	10.72
Food.....	394.84	399.99	38.9	39.1	10.15	10.23
Textiles.....	369.14	369.67	41.9	42.2	8.81	8.76
Apparel.....	275.66	274.71	39.1	39.3	7.05	6.99
Paper.....	515.66	500.33	43.7	42.8	11.80	11.69
Printing and Publishing.....	430.13	434.32	37.5	37.8	11.47	11.49
Chemicals.....	561.47	555.08	42.6	42.6	13.18	13.03
Rubber and Misc. Plastics.....	387.74	385.98	42.1	42.0	9.21	9.19
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	309.88	309.96	37.2	37.8	8.33	8.20
CONSTRUCTION.....	672.30	670.47	40.5	40.1	16.60	16.72

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	May 1989(P)		Apr. 1989(R)		May 1988(R)	
	Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Number	Percent of Labor Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	51,700	2.9	51,300	2.9	42,800	2.4
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.2)		(3.1)		(2.5)
Ct. Statistical Areas						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	8,800	3.7	8,700	3.7	7,000	3.0
Bristol.....	1,300	3.3	1,400	3.5	1,000	2.6
Danbury.....	3,100	2.7	3,200	2.8	2,800	2.4
Danielson.....	1,600	4.7	1,700	5.0	1,200	3.4
Hartford.....	11,300	2.6	11,000	2.5	9,400	2.2
Middletown.....	1,500	2.7	1,400	2.6	1,200	2.2
Lower River.....	400	2.1	400	2.1	300	1.8
New Britain.....	2,400	3.2	2,500	3.3	1,800	2.4
New Haven.....	7,900	2.8	7,500	2.7	6,400	2.3
New London/Norwich*..	4,000	3.0	3,900	3.0	3,800	2.8
Norwalk.....	1,700	2.2	1,700	2.2	1,600	1.9
Stamford.....	2,400	2.0	2,500	2.1	2,000	1.7
Torrington.....	1,400	2.7	1,300	2.7	1,100	2.1
Waterbury.....	3,800	3.7	3,800	3.7	3,000	3.0
Willimantic.....	700	2.3	700	2.3	800	2.7
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,156,000	5.0	6,229,000	5.1	6,553,000	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(5.2)		(5.3)		(5.6)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			

	May '89	Apr. '89	May '88
1967=100.....	370.8	368.8	352.0
1982-84=100.....	123.8	123.1	117.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.6	+ 5.4

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	May '89	Apr. '89	May '88 (R)	Percent Change to May 1989 from:	
				Apr. '89	May '88
BRIDGEPORT-MILFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	204,630	203,420	203,360*	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	56,220	56,370	57,520	- 0.3	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	148,460	147,050	145,840*	+ 1.0	+ 1.8
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	26,940*	26,490	26,010	+ 1.7	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	7,690*	7,830	7,770	- 1.8	- 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	19,250	18,660	18,240	+ 3.2	+ 5.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,650	84,470	82,860	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	24,960	25,120	24,030	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	59,690	59,350	58,830	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,960	22,760	23,220*	+ 0.9	- 1.1
Manufacturing	8,090	8,080	8,640*	+ 0.1	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	14,870	14,680	14,580	+ 1.3	+ 2.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	491,250*	490,020*	486,440*	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	89,400*	89,550*	90,840*	- 0.2	- 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	401,850*	400,470*	395,600*	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	49,320	48,960	47,860	+ 0.7	+ 3.1
Manufacturing	9,690	9,720	9,790	- 0.3	- 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	39,630	39,240	38,070	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,150	14,850	14,640	+ 2.0	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	4,620	4,620	4,680	0	- 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	10,530	10,230	9,960	+ 2.9	+ 5.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	66,700	66,150	64,800	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	18,970	19,040	18,680	- 0.4	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	47,730	47,110	46,120	+ 1.3	+ 3.5
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	265,180	263,280	259,400*	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	47,440	47,310	47,530	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	217,740	215,970	211,870*	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	119,900	118,730	118,960	+ 1.0	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	32,150	32,190	33,210	- 0.1	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	87,750	86,540	85,750	+ 1.4	+ 2.3
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,100	72,680	73,300	+ 0.6	- 0.3
Manufacturing	17,670	17,740	18,900	- 0.4	- 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	55,430	54,940	54,400	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	126,470	126,010	125,840	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	21,810	22,350	22,720	- 2.4	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	104,660	103,660	103,120	+ 1.0	+ 1.5

**AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)**

Statistical Area	May '89	Apr. '89	May '88(R)	Percent Change to May 1989 from:	
				Apr. '89	May '88
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,960	34,470	33,970	+ 1.4	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	8,030	8,070	7,840	- 0.5	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	26,930	26,400	26,130	+ 2.0	+ 3.1
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	88,630	88,450	86,530	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	23,540	24,110	23,800	- 2.4	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	65,090	64,340	62,730	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,610	24,580	23,250	- 3.9	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	1,970	1,990	2,100	- 1.0	- 6.2
Nonmanufacturing	21,640	22,590	21,150	- 4.2	+ 2.3

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

**EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1989	Apr. 1989	May 1988	May 1989	Apr. 1989	May 1988	May 1989	Apr. 1989	May 1988
Bridgeport	\$487.60	\$486.45	\$471.37	42.4	42.3	42.2	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.17
Hartford	501.76	499.23	477.12	42.2	42.2	42.6	11.89	11.83	11.20
New Britain	483.00	492.06	468.26	42.0	42.9	42.3	11.50	11.47	11.07
New Haven	429.05	432.96	414.32	40.4	41.0	40.5	10.62	10.56	10.23
Stamford	523.08	525.73	427.80	42.7	42.5	40.6	12.25	12.37	12.00
Waterbury	432.43	431.86	413.25	42.9	43.1	43.5	10.08	10.02	9.50

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	\$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1673.6	1672.0	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1677.7	1669.8	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1695.5	1671.8	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1665.8	1673.4	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9
1989							
Jan....	1673.5	1697.3	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5601.7
Feb....	1670.7	1699.6	4000	4115	3.5	3.2	5638.3
Mar....	1680.6	1697.6	3103	4083	3.0	2.9	5642.5
Apr....	1689.5 (R)	1687.8 (R)	3710	4626	2.9	3.1	5630.2 (R)
May....	1699.0 (P)	1690.5 (P)	2908	3956	2.9	3.2	5655.6 (P)
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.2	42.1	128.0	123.6
Feb....	11959	14947	41.5	41.7	125.1	121.9
Mar....	25076*	23432*	41.8	41.7	126.5	121.8
Apr....	19924	16400	41.7	41.7	126.0	121.1
May....	14189	14866	41.5	41.6	125.8	121.7
Jun....	13507	13681	41.6	41.6	125.5	120.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.4	41.7	96.4	113.0
Aug....	11780	11652	41.1	41.8	98.1	113.4
Sep....	10988	10192	42.4	42.5	124.1	121.0
Oct....	9232	10342	42.0	41.9	123.9	119.6
Nov....	12193	11251	42.3	41.8	130.1	124.2
Dec....	11393	10030	42.2	41.6	117.7	123.0
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.0	129.7	125.2
Feb....	8453	10566	41.9	42.1	129.7 (R)	126.4 (R)
Mar....	18761*	17534*	42.1	42.0	130.3 (R)	125.4 (R)
Apr....	12968	10673	42.0	42.0	129.2 (R)	124.2 (R)
May....	12296	12889	41.8	41.9	129.4	125.3
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1972	31,800,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1973	21,700,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1974	8,500,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1975	203,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1976	137,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1977	75,000,000
				1978	37,000,000
				1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1977	27,300,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000	1986	40,187,000
Jan'88	29,855	\$18,603,000	\$ 4,976,000	Loan Repayments	
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000	Via Employer Tax	
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000	Credit Reduction	
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000	1981	46,537,000
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000	1982	49,496,000
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000	1983	53,975,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000	1984	57,349,000
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000	1985	61,138,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	1986	64,457,000
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	Total Outstanding	
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000	Loans	
Jan'89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000	(5/31/89)	
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000	\$ 0	
Mar	32,428	26,006,000	801,000		
Apr	28,016	21,331,000	18,661,000	Ct. UC Trust Fund	
May	25,007	21,526,000	87,494,000	Reserve - (5/31/89)	
Jun				\$333.1 million	
Jul					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					

*Interest bearing

PROFILE OF THE LABOR FORCE IN CONNECTICUT - 1988

Each month the Bureau of the Census conducts for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), a nationwide survey of approximately 56,000 households as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS). Data gathered in this survey are used by the BLS to develop detailed monthly labor force information for the nation and annual data for the states and the District of Columbia. The following tables contain 1988 annual average data for Connecticut based on the CPS survey.

Table I shows for persons 16 years of age and older, civilian population, labor force, employment and unemployment data with detail by sex, youth, race and marital status. Connecticut's population aged 16 and older numbered 2,527,000 in 1988, an increase of 0.8 percent from 1987. The percentage of the population in the labor force, also referred to as the participation rate, declined over the year from 69.9 percent in 1987 to 69.1 percent in 1988. Participation rates declined for both men and women, while persons aged 16 to 19 participated more actively in the labor force in 1988 than in 1987, 60.9 percent compared to 60.3 percent.

A somewhat smaller percentage of Connecticut's population was employed in 1988 than in 1987, 67.0 percent compared to 67.6 percent. A greater percentage of black residents were employed in 1988 (73.0 percent) than white residents (66.7 percent). The percentage of blacks employed increased from 72.8 percent in 1987, while the percentage of whites employed decreased from 67.4 percent. Employment of Hispanic persons increased considerably over the year, from 65.8 percent in 1987 to 75.7 percent in 1988.

Youth unemployment decreased by half over the year, from 11.1 to 5.5 percent of the labor force. The percentage of unemployed whites remained relatively stable at 2.8 percent while the unemployment rate for black persons dropped by more than two percentage points to 4.6 percent. This represents a narrowing of the gap in unemployment rates between these groups from the previous year when the unemployment rates were 3.0 and 6.7 percent, respectively. The unemployment rate for people of Hispanic origin declined considerably between 1987 and 1988, from 7.3 percent to 3.1 percent.

Table II shows population, labor force, employment and unemployment broken out by age category for the population as a whole and for men and women. In 1988, people in the 35 to 44 year age category participated most actively in the labor force, at 89.3 percent. This contrasts with 1987 when the age group most active in the labor force was the 25 to 34 year group which comprised 87 percent of its respective population. The table shows that men's participation in the labor force increased with each successive category, peaking in the 35 to 44 year group. The age category in which women participated most actively in the labor force was 20 to 24 years at 83.3 percent, decreasing to 77.7 percent in the next ten year span and increasing somewhat in the 45 to 54 year category. Both men and women in the 20 to 24 year group experienced the highest rates of unemployment at 7.6 and 5.1 percent respectively. The lowest unemployment rate for men was 0.9 percent, occurring in the 45 to 54 year group. Women in the 25 to 34 year group had the least unemployment, at 1.2 percent. Single men participated in the labor force at a lower rate (79.6 percent) than married men (81.5 percent) and experienced greater unemployment (6.0 percent compared to 2.1 percent). While single women participated more actively in the labor force than married women (73.3 percent compared to 60.7 percent), they had a higher rate of unemployment (4.1 percent) than married women (1.8 percent).

More detailed data for Connecticut, other states and the nation are contained in the recently published Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment 1988, available from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (Bulletin No. 2327).

CONNECTICUT

TABLE I

Employment Status of the Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 Years of Age and Older
By Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Marital Status
1988 Annual Averages (Numbers in Thousands) 1/

Population Group	Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 & Over	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Error Range of Rate 2/
		Number	Percent of Population	Number	Percent of Population	Number	Rate	
Total	2,527	1,746	69.1	1,694	67.0	52	3.0%	2.5 - 3.5
Men	1,193	941	78.9	908	76.1	33	3.5	2.8 - 4.3
Women	1,334	805	60.3	786	58.9	19	2.3	1.6 - 3.0
Both Sexes, 16-19	184	112	60.9	106	57.5	6	5.5	2.8 - 8.1
White	2,360	1,619	68.6	1,574	66.7	45	2.8	2.3 - 3.3
Men	1,117	881	78.8	851	76.1	30	3.4	2.6 - 4.2
Women	1,243	739	59.5	724	58.2	15	2.1	1.4 - 2.7
Both Sexes, 16-19	168	102	60.7	98	58.1	4	4.3	1.8 - 6.8
Black	141	108	76.5	103	73.0	5	4.6	1.9 - 7.2
Men	62	49	77.9	47	74.9	2	3.8	.1 - 7.5
Women	79	59	75.3	56	71.5	3	5.1	1.3 - 9.0
Hispanic Origin	96	75	78.2	71	75.7	2	3.1	.5 - 5.8
Single (never married)	677	520	76.7	493	72.7	27	5.2	4.0 - 6.4
Married, spouse present	1,408	1,002	71.2	982	69.7	20	2.0	1.4 - 2.5
Other Marital Status 3/	441	224	50.8	219	49.7	5	2.2	1.0 - 3.4

TABLE II

Employment Status of the Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 Years of Age and Older
By Sex, Age, and Marital Status
1988 Annual Averages (Numbers in Thousands) 1/

Population Group	Civilian Noninstitutional Population 16 & Over	Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment	
		Number	Percent of Population	Number	Percent of Population	Number	Rate
Total	2,527	1,746	69.1	1,694	67.0	52	3.0%
16 to 19 years	184	112	60.9	106	57.6	6	5.5
20 to 24 years	235	199	84.7	187	79.6	13	6.4
25 to 34 years	548	477	86.9	464	84.7	12	2.6
35 to 44 years	462	413	89.3	404	87.4	9	2.3
45 to 54 years	333	285	85.4	281	84.4	4	1.3
55 to 64 years	294	194	65.9	188	63.9	5	2.7
65 yrs. and over	470	67	14.2	64	13.6	2	3.4
Men	1,193	941	78.9	908	76.1	33	3.5
16 to 19 years	98	58	59.3	54	55.1	4	7.4
20 to 24 years	116	100	86.2	92	79.3	8	7.6
25 to 34 years	271	261	96.3	251	92.6	10	3.7
35 to 44 years	218	213	97.7	208	95.4	5	2.3
45 to 54 years	172	167	96.7	165	95.9	1	.9
55 to 64 years	143	109	76.4	106	74.1	3	2.9
Single (never married)	367	292	79.6	275	74.9	18	6.0
Married, spouse present	711	579	81.5	567	79.7	12	2.1
Other marital status 3/	115	70	60.8	67	58.3	3	4.6
Women	1,334	805	60.3	786	58.9	19	2.3
16 to 19 years	86	54	62.6	52	60.5	2	3.4
20 to 24 years	120	100	83.3	95	79.2	5	5.1
25 to 34 years	277	216	77.7	213	76.9	3	1.2
35 to 44 years	244	200	81.9	195	79.9	4	2.2
45 to 54 years	161	118	73.3	116	72.0	2	1.9
55 to 64 years	150	84	56.0	82	54.7	2	2.4
Single (never married)	310	227	73.3	218	70.3	9	4.1
Married, spouse present	698	423	60.7	416	59.6	8	1.8
Other Marital Status 3/	326	154	47.3	153	46.9	2	1.1

1/ Items may not add to totals or compute to displayed percentages because of rounding. Detail for race and Hispanic-origin groups will not add to totals because data for the "other races" group are not presented and Hispanics are included in both the white and black population groups.

2/ Error ranges are calculated at the 90 percent confidence interval, which means that if repeated samples were drawn from the same population and an error range constructed around each sample estimate, in 9 out of 10 cases the true value based on a complete census of the population would be contained within these error ranges.

3/ "Other marital status" includes divorced, widowed, separated, and married with spouse absent.

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July 1989

Connecticut residents' personal income and factory wages jumped to record highs in June, as both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment increased, and unemployment rose, State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti announces.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment reached 1,708,800, an increase of 14,100 jobs compared with May's revised figure (page 2) and 13,300 above last year. It was the highest employment level since December 1988. There was a slight monthly gain in manufacturing jobs, and employment in non-manufacturing was up by 13,900. The services category added 4,300 jobs over the month, trade was higher by 3,800, construction employment increased by 2,800 and finance, insurance and real estate, 2,100. Compared with the previous month, employment increased in 13 labor market areas and decreased in Danielson and Willimantic (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of factory production workers set a new high at \$471.94 weekly and \$11.21 an hour (page 3). The workweek averaged 42.1-hours, an increase over both the previous month and June 1988. Straight-time earnings in June totaled \$10.72 an hour and \$428.80 weekly, \$1.20 more a week than in May and \$13.20 above last year. The Stamford area recorded the highest average weekly earnings at \$522.52, followed by Hartford, \$504.98; Norwalk, \$494.33; Bridgeport, \$492.33; New London/Norwich, \$492 and Middletown, \$490.85 (page 6). Construction workers continued to earn the highest average weekly wage, \$657.66; and workers in the chemical industry, \$563.64, and in transportation equipment, \$556.78, were next (page 3).

Unemployment: The state counted 3.4 percent of its labor force without work in June, up from 2.9 percent the previous month. The Connecticut rate continued well below national unemployment, which registered 5.5 percent in June (page 4). The state's seasonally adjusted rate, 3.5 percent, although up three-tenths, also was considerably under the nation's 5.3 percent. Included in the estimate were people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or re-entering the labor force. There were monthly increases in unemployment in all statistical areas, although Hartford and Stamford rates were down from June 1988 and those for Bristol and Norwalk were unchanged. The average weekly payment for unemployment insurance benefits during the first half of 1989 was \$187.06, up by \$14.34 from the first six months of last year. At the end of June, \$140,476,303 had been paid in unemployment compensation to Connecticut claimants, leaving the state's UI Trust Fund with a mid-year balance of nearly \$316-million.

Other Indicators: In other sectors of the economy, the preliminary monthly estimate of personal income reached \$5.665-billion, an all-time high (page 7). Manufacturing output also was up with a longer workweek and new automobile registrations dropped.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	June 1989 (P)	May 1989 (R)	June 1988 (R)	% Change June '89 over May '89	% Change June '89 over June '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,708,800*	1,694,700*	1,695,500*	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Manufacturing.....	370,500*	370,300*	375,700*	+ 0.1	- 1.4
Durable.....	276,400*	276,700*	281,500*	- 0.1	- 1.8
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,800	6,800	7,300	0.0	- 6.8
Primary Metals.....	13,200	13,200	13,300	0.0	- 0.8
Fabricated Metals.....	41,700*	42,000*	43,600*	- 0.7	- 4.4
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,000	47,800	47,900	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Electrical Equipment....	45,800	46,000	47,900	- 0.4	- 4.4
Transportation Equipment	83,100	83,100	82,600	0.0	+ 0.6
Instruments & Clocks....	24,400	24,300	25,000	+ 0.4	- 2.4
Other Durable.....	13,400	13,500	13,900	- 0.7	- 3.6
Nondurable.....	94,100	93,600	94,200	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Food.....	11,800	11,700	11,900	+ 0.9	- 0.8
Textiles.....	3,300	3,300	3,600	0.0	- 8.3
Apparel.....	6,400	6,400	6,600	0.0	- 3.0
Paper.....	9,400	9,400	9,400	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	28,400	28,300	28,200	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Chemicals.....	21,600	21,400	21,200	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,600	11,600	11,700	0.0	- 0.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,500	1,600	+ 6.7	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,338,300*	1,324,400*	1,319,800	+ 1.0	+ 1.4
Construction & Mining....	80,800	78,000	85,600	+ 3.6	- 5.6
Transportation.....	42,300*	41,900*	41,500	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,300	17,100	16,800	+ 1.2	+ 3.0
Other Transportation....	25,000*	24,800*	24,700	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Communications.....	18,300	18,100	19,000	+ 1.1	- 3.7
Utilities.....	12,900	12,800	13,100	+ 0.8	- 1.5
Trade.....	391,400	387,600	380,800	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
Wholesale.....	90,400	89,800	89,000	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
Retail.....	301,000	297,800	291,800	+ 1.1	+ 3.2
General Merchandise....	37,100	36,800	34,700	+ 0.8	+ 6.9
Food Stores.....	52,000	51,200	50,700	+ 1.6	+ 2.6
Auto Dlr. & Gas Sta...	34,700	34,500	33,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Restaurants.....	79,200	78,000	79,900	+ 1.5	- 0.9
Other Retail Trade....	98,000	97,300	93,000	+ 0.7	+ 5.4
Finance, Ins. & ..R.E....	156,500	154,400	155,700	+ 1.4	+ 0.5
Banking.....	36,300	35,800	35,300	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
Insurance.....	79,700	79,000	81,400	+ 0.9	- 2.1
Real Estate.....	17,000	16,500	17,000	+ 3.0	0.0
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,500	23,100	22,000	+ 1.7	+ 6.8
Services.....	423,000	418,700	413,300	+ 1.0	+ 2.3
Hotels.....	13,900	13,300	14,300	+ 4.5	- 2.8
Personal Services.....	20,600	20,600	19,700	0.0	+ 4.6
Business Services.....	92,500	91,500	92,600	+ 1.1	- 0.1
Health Services.....	125,900	125,100	122,000	+ 0.6	+ 3.2
Law & Professional.....	40,500	39,600	37,200	+ 2.3	+ 8.9
Educational Services....	35,900	37,200	35,300	- 3.5	+ 1.7
Other Services.....	93,700	91,400	92,200	+ 2.5	+ 1.6
Government.....	213,100	212,900	210,800	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Federal.....	26,000	26,000	25,700	0.0	+ 1.2
State & Local.....	187,100	186,900	185,100	+ 0.1	+ 1.1

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (P) Preliminary (R) Revised

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

(R) Revised

UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	June 1989(P)		May 1989(R)		June 1988(R)	
	Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Number	Percent of Labor Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	61,100	3.4	51,800	2.9	58,100	3.2
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.5)		(3.2)		(3.0)
Ct. Statistical Areas						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	9,800	4.1	8,800	3.8	9,100	3.8
Bristol.....	1,500	3.7	1,300	3.3	1,400	3.7
Danbury.....	4,300	3.6	3,200	2.8	3,800	3.3
Danielson.....	1,700	5.1	1,600	4.8	1,500	4.2
Hartford.....	13,400	3.0	11,300	2.6	13,500	3.1
Middletown.....	1,600	2.9	1,500	2.7	1,400	2.6
Lower River.....	500	2.8	400	2.2	400	2.2
New Britain.....	2,700	3.5	2,400	3.3	2,400	3.2
New Haven.....	9,400	3.3	7,900	2.8	8,800	3.1
New London/Norwich*..	4,700	3.5	3,900	3.0	4,400	3.2
Norwalk.....	2,100	2.5	1,700	2.2	2,100	2.5
Stamford.....	2,800	2.3	2,400	2.0	2,900	2.4
Torrington.....	2,000	3.8	1,400	2.7	1,800	3.5
Waterbury.....	4,400	4.2	3,800	3.7	4,100	4.0
Willimantic.....	800	2.8	700	2.3	600	2.3
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,850,000	5.5	6,156,000	5.0	6,819,000	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.3)		(5.2)		(5.4)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

(P) Preliminary (R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			
	June '89	May '89	June '88
1967=100.....	371.7	370.8	353.5
1982-84=100.....	124.1	123.8	118.0
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+ 5.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.

The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	June '89	May '89	June '88 (R)	Percent Change to June 1989 from:	
				May '89	June '88
BRIDGEPORT-MILFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	206,020	204,680	203,260*	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	56,120	56,220	55,590*	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	149,900	148,460	147,670	+ 1.0	+ 1.5
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	27,480	26,940*	26,340	+ 2.0	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	7,670	7,690*	7,830	- 0.3	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	19,810	19,250	18,510	+ 2.9	+ 7.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,560	84,650	84,050	+ 1.1	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	24,890	24,960	24,260	- 0.3	+ 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	60,670	59,690	59,790	+ 1.6	+ 1.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,940	22,960	23,280	- 0.1	- 1.5
Manufacturing	7,940	8,090	8,620	- 1.9	- 7.9
Nonmanufacturing	15,000	14,870	14,660	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	494,270*	491,250*	490,230*	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	89,490*	89,400*	91,000*	+ 0.1	- 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	404,780*	401,850*	399,230*	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	49,660	49,320	48,280	+ 0.7	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	9,680	9,690	9,820	- 0.1	- 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	39,980	39,630	38,460	+ 0.9	+ 4.0
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,550	15,150	15,160	+ 2.6	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	4,620	4,620	4,750	0	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	10,930	10,530	10,410	+ 3.8	+ 5.0
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	66,960	66,700	65,970	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	18,730	18,970	19,550	- 1.3	- 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	48,230	47,730	46,420	+ 1.0	+ 3.9
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	267,900	265,180	261,140	+ 1.0	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	48,280	47,440	47,530	+ 1.8	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	219,620	217,740	213,610	+ 0.9	+ 2.8
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	121,740	119,900	120,710	+ 1.5	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	32,270	32,150	33,060	+ 0.4	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	89,470	87,750	87,650	+ 2.0	+ 2.1
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	74,120	73,100	74,340	+ 1.4	- 0.3
Manufacturing	17,650	17,670	18,860	- 0.1	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	56,470	55,430	55,480	+ 1.9	+ 1.8
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	128,040*	126,470	127,700	+ 1.2	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	21,820	21,810	22,910	+ 0.0	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	106,220*	104,660	104,790	+ 1.5	+ 1.4

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	June '89	May '89	June '88(R)	Percent Change to June 1989 from:	
				May '89	June '88
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	35,350	34,960	34,520	+ 1.1	+ 2.4
Manufacturing	7,960	8,030	7,840	- 0.9	+ 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	27,390	26,930	26,680	+ 1.7	+ 2.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	89,420	88,630	87,690	+ 0.9	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	23,560	23,540	24,160	+ 0.1	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	65,860	65,090	63,530	+ 1.2	+ 3.7
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,960	23,610	21,660	- 7.0	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	2,010	1,970	2,060	+ 2.0	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	19,950	21,640	19,600	- 7.8	+ 1.8

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jun. 1989	May 1989	Jun. 1988	Jun. 1989	May 1989	Jun. 1988	Jun. 1989	May 1989	Jun. 1988
Bridgeport	\$492.33	\$487.60	\$463.98	42.7	42.4	41.8	\$11.53	\$11.50	\$11.10
Hartford	504.98	501.76	476.43	42.4	42.2	42.5	11.91	11.89	11.21
New Britain	482.47	483.00	472.50	42.1	42.0	42.0	11.46	11.50	11.25
New Haven	431.33	429.05	414.32	40.5	40.4	40.5	10.65	10.62	10.23
Stamford	522.52	523.08	488.84	42.9	42.7	40.4	12.18	12.25	12.10
Waterbury	435.44	432.43	413.25	42.9	42.9	43.5	10.15	10.08	9.50

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jun. 1989	Mar. 1989	Jun. 1988	Jun. 1989	Mar. 1989	Jun. 1988	Jun. 1989	Mar. 1989	Jun. 1988
Bristol	\$480.11	\$488.57	\$527.48	41.0	42.3	45.2	\$11.71	\$11.55	\$11.67
Danbury	477.86	453.69	452.13	43.8	42.6	43.6	10.91	10.65	10.37
Danielson	408.43	414.53	406.63	40.2	40.6	40.3	10.16	10.21	10.09
Middletown	490.85	505.94	480.17	40.3	41.1	40.9	12.18	12.31	11.74
Lower River	396.59	401.58	365.88	40.1	39.8	39.9	9.89	10.09	9.17
New London- Norwich**	492.00	478.39	473.08	40.0	40.1	40.4	12.30	11.93	11.71
Norwalk	494.33	477.24	465.47	43.4	41.9	42.9	11.39	11.39	10.85
Torrington	367.03	368.34	366.50	40.2	40.7	41.6	9.13	9.05	8.81
Willimantic	419.01	421.02	429.68	42.8	42.7	42.5	9.79	9.86	10.11

(R) Revised

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	\$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1673.6	1672.0	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1677.7	1669.8	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1695.5	1671.8	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1665.8	1673.4	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9
1989							
Jan....	1673.5	1697.3	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5601.7
Feb....	1670.7	1699.6	4000	4115	3.5	3.2	5638.3
Mar....	1680.6	1697.6	3103	4083	3.0	2.9	5642.5
Apr....	1689.5	1687.8	3710	4626	2.9	3.1	5630.2
May....	1694.7 (R)	1686.3 (R)	2908	3956	2.9	3.2	5646.0 (R)
Jun....	1708.8 (P)	1685.2 (P)	4205	4591	3.4	3.5	5665.3 (P)
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.2	42.1	128.0	123.6
Feb....	11959	14947	41.5	41.7	125.1	121.9
Mar....	25076*	23432*	41.8	41.7	126.5	121.8
Apr....	19924	16400	41.7	41.7	126.0	121.1
May....	14189	14866	41.5	41.6	125.8	121.7
Jun....	13507	13681	41.6	41.6	125.5	120.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.4	41.7	96.4	113.0
Aug....	11780	11652	41.1	41.8	98.1	113.4
Sep....	10988	10192	42.4	42.5	124.1	121.0
Oct....	9232	10342	42.0	41.9	123.9	119.6
Nov....	12193	11251	42.3	41.8	130.1	124.2
Dec....	11393	10030	42.2	41.6	117.7	123.0
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.0	129.7	125.2
Feb....	8453	10566	41.9	42.1	129.7	126.4
Mar....	18761*	17534*	42.1	42.0	130.3	125.4
Apr....	12968	10673	42.0	42.0	129.2	124.2
May....	12296	12889	41.8	41.9	129.4	125.3
Jun....	10442	10580	42.1	42.1	130.4	125.3
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

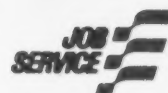
	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1972	31,800,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1973	21,700,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1974	8,500,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1975	203,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1976	137,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1977	75,000,000
				1978	37,000,000
				1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1977	27,300,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000	1986	40,187,000
Jan'88	29,855	\$18,603,000	\$ 4,976,000	Loan Repayments	
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000	Via Employer Tax	
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000	Credit Reduction	
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000	1981	46,537,000
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000	1982	49,496,000
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000	1983	53,975,000
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000	1984	57,349,000
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000	1985	61,138,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	1986	64,457,000
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	Total Outstanding	
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000	Loans	
Jan'89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000	(6/30/89)	
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000	\$ 0	
Mar	32,428	26,006,000	801,000		
Apr	28,016	21,331,000	18,661,000		
May	25,007	21,526,000	87,494,000		
Jun	25,638	18,453,000	1,042,000		
Jul					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					

*Interest bearing

Ct. UC Trust Fund
Reserve - (6/30/89)
\$316.0 million

CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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BETTY L. TIANTI
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August 1989

Seasonal shutdowns of factories and school vacation closings contributed to a decline in employment and a rise in unemployment in July, State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment dropped from June's average to 1,690,900 last month, an estimate that was over 25,000 jobs ahead of last year (Page 2). Manufacturing lost 7,300 positions as temporary vacation shutdowns influenced a drop to 363,800. There were nearly 11,000 fewer jobs in non-manufacturing as trade recorded a decrease of 1,700. Summer school closings resulted in a 10,000 downturn in the government category. Construction expanded its work force by 1,700 and there were 1,300 more jobs in the service sector. Fifteen labor market areas reported monthly employment declines. There were job gains in 13 markets over the year (Pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers rose to a high of \$11.28. Weekly pay was less at \$465.86 as the workweek shortened (42.1 to 41.3 hours). Straight-time earnings rose for a 4 percent annual increase to \$10.85 an hour, \$434 weekly. Construction workers continued to earn the highest average wage, \$687.12 a week, followed by chemical, \$562.46; transportation equipment, \$538.53; primary metals, \$510.79 and machinery, \$504.82 (Page 3). Manufacturing earnings were highest in the Stamford area with an average of \$509.57. Hartford was next at \$500.22; New Britain, \$489.70 and Bridgeport, \$477.17 (Page 6).

Unemployment: Connecticut's jobless estimate in July was 63,400 for a 3.4 percent rate unchanged from June (Page 4). The unemployment rate was 3.3 percent in July 1988. When seasonally adjusted, the unemployment rate dropped from 3.5 to 3.2 percent, matching the 1988 figure and was significantly less than the national adjusted rate of 5.2 percent. This unemployment rate includes those people receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. There were six labor market areas with higher unemployment, five were unchanged and four decreased.

Other Indicators: Personal income climbed \$28-million to a new record high of \$5-billion, 695-million last month. Manufacturing output slowed in response to seasonal influences. Registrations of new automobiles were lower.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	July 1989 (P)	June 1989 (R)	July 1988 (R)	% Change July '89 over June '89	% Change July '89 over July '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,690,900*	1,709,100*	1,665,800*	- 1.1	+ 1.5
Manufacturing.....	363,800*	371,100*	360,500*	- 2.0	+ 0.9
Durable.....	271,300*	276,800*	268,700*	- 2.0	+ 1.0
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,700	6,800	7,100	- 1.5	- 5.6
Primary Metals.....	12,500	13,200	12,500*	- 5.3	0.0
Fabricated Metals.....	39,500*	41,800*	41,800*	- 5.5	- 5.5
Machinery exc. Elec.....	48,300	48,300	47,800	0.0	+ 1.0
Electrical Equipment....	45,000	45,800	46,500	- 1.7	- 3.2
Transportation Equipment	82,100	83,100	74,600*	- 1.2	+ 10.1
Instruments & Clocks....	24,200	24,400	24,700	- 0.8	- 2.0
Other Durable.....	13,000	13,400	13,700	- 3.0	- 5.1
Nondurable.....	92,500	94,300	91,800	- 1.9	+ 0.8
Food.....	11,300	11,900	10,800	- 5.0	+ 4.6
Textiles.....	3,100	3,300	3,300	- 6.1	- 6.1
Apparel.....	6,000	6,400	5,700	- 6.3	+ 5.3
Paper.....	9,100	9,400	9,400	- 3.2	- 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	28,400	28,400	28,400	0.0	0.0
Chemicals.....	21,700	21,700	21,300	0.0	+ 1.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,300	11,600	11,300	- 2.6	0.0
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,327,100*	1,338,000*	1,305,300*	- 0.8	+ 1.7
Construction & Mining....	82,100	80,400	85,600*	+ 2.1	- 4.1
Transportation.....	40,100*	42,300*	39,500	- 5.2	+ 1.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,400	17,300	16,800	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Other Transportation....	22,700*	25,000*	22,700	- 9.2	0.0
Communications.....	18,200	18,200	19,000	0.0	- 4.2
Utilities.....	12,800	12,900	13,200	- 0.8	- 3.0
Trade.....	390,200	391,900	378,300	- 0.4	+ 3.1
Wholesale.....	90,800	90,700	89,200	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Retail.....	299,400	301,200	289,100	- 0.6	+ 3.6
General Merchandise....	36,400	37,300	34,900	- 2.4	+ 4.3
Food Stores.....	52,300	52,000	50,200	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	34,500	34,700	33,200	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Restaurants.....	78,300	79,200	78,200	- 1.1	+ 0.1
Other Retail Trade.....	97,900	98,000	92,600	- 0.1	+ 5.7
Finance, Ins. & ..R.E....	157,200	156,900	155,800	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Banking.....	36,100	36,300	35,600	- 0.6	+ 1.4
Insurance.....	80,100	80,000	81,000	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Real Estate.....	17,200	17,000	17,100	+ 1.2	+ 0.6
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,800	23,600	22,100	+ 0.8	+ 7.7
Services.....	423,200	421,900	412,600	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Hotels.....	14,300	13,400	14,100	+ 6.7	+ 1.4
Personal Services.....	20,100	20,600	19,200	- 2.4	+ 4.7
Business Services.....	91,800	91,800	92,800	0.0	- 1.1
Health Services.....	126,100	126,400	121,200	- 0.2	+ 4.2
Law & Professional.....	40,700	40,500	37,400	+ 0.5	+ 8.8
Educational Services....	34,700	35,900	33,800	- 3.3	+ 2.7
Other Services.....	95,500	93,300	94,100	+ 2.4	+ 1.5
Government.....	203,300	213,500	201,300	- 4.1	+ 1.0
Federal.....	26,100	26,400	25,900	- 1.1	+ 0.8
State & Local.....	177,200	187,100	175,400	- 5.3	+ 1.0

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (P) Preliminary (R) Revised

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1989	June 1989 (R)	July 1988 (R)	July 1989	June 1989 (R)	July 1988 (R)	July 1989	June 1989 (R)	July 1988 (R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)									
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	\$465.86	\$471.94	\$449.19	41.3	42.1	41.4	\$11.28	\$11.21	\$10.85
Lumber & Furniture.....	474.66	482.80	457.55	41.6	42.5	41.9	11.41	11.36	10.92
Primary Metals.....	360.90	377.29	361.09	39.4	40.7	40.3	9.16	9.27	8.96
Fabricated Metals.....	510.79	513.00	467.64	46.1	47.5	43.1	11.08	10.80	10.85
Machinery.....	445.37	454.26	428.92	41.2	42.1	42.3	10.81	10.79	10.14
Electrical Equipment.....	504.82	506.43	498.18	43.0	43.1	43.7	11.74	11.75	11.40
Transportation Equipment.....	397.82	396.37	395.49	41.7	41.9	41.5	9.54	9.46	9.53
Instruments and Clocks.....	538.53	556.78	527.54	40.4	41.8	40.8	13.33	13.32	12.93
Other Durable Mfg.....	479.09	489.49	448.49	42.7	43.9	43.5	11.22	11.15	10.31
	394.36	417.08	382.53	40.2	41.5	38.6	9.81	10.05	9.91
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	436.29	437.93	426.00	40.1	40.7	40.0	10.88	10.76	10.65
Food.....	417.52	414.06	385.84	39.5	40.2	38.8	10.57	10.30	9.97
Textiles.....	354.38	363.03	336.30	40.5	41.3	38.7	8.75	8.79	8.69
Apparel.....	264.42	272.69	245.26	37.4	38.9	35.7	7.07	7.01	6.87
Paper.....	501.76	521.41	494.50	42.2	44.3	43.0	11.89	11.77	11.50
Printing and Publishing.....	432.06	430.16	428.27	37.9	37.7	37.8	11.40	11.41	11.33
Chemicals.....	562.46	563.64	548.75	42.1	42.7	43.9	13.36	13.20	12.50
Rubber and Misc. Plastics.....	380.97	385.40	363.77	41.5	41.8	39.8	9.18	9.22	9.14
Other Non-durable Mfg.....	332.87	319.88	340.50	39.3	37.5	37.5	8.47	8.53	9.08
CONSTRUCTION.....	687.12	657.66	660.54	40.3	39.1	40.9	17.05	16.82	16.15

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	July 1989(P)		June 1989(R)		July 1988(R)	
	Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Number	Percent of Labor Force**	Number	Percent of Labor Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual Seasonally Adjusted...	63,400	3.4 (3.2)	61,100	3.4 (3.5)	58,500	3.3 (3.2)
Ct. Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	11,400	4.7	9,700	4.1	10,500	4.4
Bristol.....	1,600	3.8	1,500	3.7	1,500	4.0
Danbury.....	3,700	3.1	4,300	3.7	3,400	3.0
Danielson.....	2,000	5.9	1,800	5.2	1,500	4.6
Hartford.....	13,200	2.9	13,400	3.0	12,200	2.8
Middletown.....	1,600	2.8	1,600	2.9	1,400	2.6
Lower River.....	500	2.6	500	2.7	400	2.5
New Britain.....	2,900	3.8	2,700	3.6	2,900	3.9
New Haven.....	9,800	3.3	9,400	3.2	9,100	3.2
New London/Norwich*..	4,600	3.3	4,700	3.4	4,200	3.1
Norwalk.....	2,100	2.5	2,100	2.5	2,200	2.7
Stamford.....	2,800	2.3	2,800	2.3	2,500	2.1
Torrington.....	1,800	3.3	2,000	3.8	1,500	3.0
Waterbury.....	5,200	5.1	4,400	4.2	4,700	4.6
Willimantic.....	800	2.7	800	2.8	700	2.5
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,736,000	5.3	6,850,000	5.5	6,823,000	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.2)		(5.3)		(5.4)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			
	July '89	June '89	July '88
1967=100.....	372.7	371.7	354.9
1982-84=100.....	124.4	124.1	118.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.2	+ 5.0

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	July '89	June '89	July '88(R)	Percent Change to July 1989 from:	
				June '89	July '88
BRIDGEPORT-MILFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	201,090	206,020	197,500*	2.4	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	54,540	56,120	52,960*	2.8	+ 3.0
Nonmanufacturing	146,550	149,900	144,540	2.2	+ 1.4
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	27,130	27,480	25,690	1.3	+ 5.6
Manufacturing	7,610	7,670	7,420	0.8	+ 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	19,520	19,810	18,270	1.5	+ 6.8
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	83,220	85,560	82,470	2.7	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	23,820	24,890	23,640	4.3	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	59,400	60,670	58,830	2.1	+ 1.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,590	22,940	22,470	5.9	+ 3.9
Manufacturing	6,960	7,940	8,170	12.3	+ 14.8
Nonmanufacturing	14,630	15,000	14,300	2.5	+ 2.3
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	488,970*	494,270*	483,420*	1.1	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	89,060*	89,490*	89,790*	0.5	+ 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	399,910*	404,780*	393,630*	1.2	+ 1.6
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	49,160	49,660	47,870	1.0	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	9,470	9,680	9,730	2.2	+ 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	39,690	39,980	38,140	0.7	+ 4.1
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,400	15,550	14,750	1.0	+ 4.4
Manufacturing	4,430	4,620	4,370	4.1	+ 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	10,970	10,930	10,380	+ 0.4	+ 5.7
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	65,320	66,960	63,930	2.4	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	17,870	18,730	18,310	4.6	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	47,450	48,230	45,620	1.6	+ 4.0
NEW HAVEN-MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	265,250	267,900	258,240	1.0	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	47,180	48,280	46,560	2.3	+ 1.3
Nonmanufacturing	218,070	219,620	211,680	0.7	+ 3.0
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	120,280	121,740	111,690*	1.2	+ 7.7
Manufacturing	31,690	32,270	25,530*	1.8	+ 24.1
Nonmanufacturing	88,590	89,470	86,160	1.0	+ 2.8
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,400	74,120	73,370	1.0	+ 0.0
Manufacturing	17,060	17,650	18,400	3.3	+ 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	56,340	56,470	54,970	0.2	+ 2.5
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,810	128,040*	126,770	0.2	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	21,660	21,820	22,920	0.7	+ 5.5
Nonmanufacturing	106,150	106,220*	103,850	0.1	+ 2.2

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	July'89	June'89	July'88(R)	Percent Change to July 1989 from:	
				June'89	July'88
<u>TORRINGTON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	34,550	35,350	34,020	2.3	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	7,650	7,960	7,500	3.9	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	26,900	27,390	26,520	1.8	+ 1.4
<u>WATERBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,400	89,420	85,230	5.6	1.0
Manufacturing	19,490	23,560	21,760	17.3	10.4
Nonmanufacturing	64,910	65,860	63,470	1.4	+ 2.3
<u>WILLIMANTIC</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,800	21,960	21,500	0.7	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	1,950	2,010	2,040	3.0	- 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	19,850	19,950	19,460	0.5	+ 2.0

(R) Revised

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jul. 1989	Jun. 1989	Jul. 1988	Jul. 1989	Jun. 1989	Jul. 1988	Jul. 1989	Jun. 1989	Jul. 1988
Bridgeport	\$477.17	\$492.33	\$460.20	41.1	42.7	41.2	\$11.61	\$11.53	\$11.17
Hartford	500.22	504.98	477.24	42.0	42.4	41.9	11.91	11.91	11.39
New Britain	489.70	482.47	460.78	41.5	42.1	41.4	11.80	11.46	11.13
New Haven	438.34	431.33	420.39	40.4	40.5	40.5	10.85	10.65	10.38
Stamford	509.57	522.52	503.66	41.7	42.9	40.1	12.22	12.18	12.56
Waterbury	427.63	435.44	400.99	41.0	42.9	40.3	10.43	10.15	9.95

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	\$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1673.6	1672.0	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1677.7	1669.8	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1695.5	1671.8	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1665.8	1673.4	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9
1989							
Jan....	1673.5	1697.3	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5601.7
Feb....	1670.7	1699.6	4000	4115	3.5	3.2	5638.3
Mar....	1680.6	1697.6	3103	4083	3.0	2.9	5642.5
Apr....	1689.5	1687.8	3710	4626	2.9	3.1	5630.2
May....	1694.7	1686.3	2908	3956	2.9	3.2	5646.0
Jun....	1709.1 (R)	1685.5 (R)	4205	4591	3.4	3.5	5667.0 (R)
Jul....	1690.9 (P)	1699.4 (P)	5611	3756	3.4	3.2	5695.1 (P)
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967-100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.2	42.1	128.0	123.6
Feb....	11959	14947	41.5	41.7	125.1	121.9
Mar....	25076*	23432*	41.8	41.7	126.5	121.8
Apr....	19924	16400	41.7	41.7	126.0	121.1
May....	14189	14866	41.5	41.6	125.8	121.7
Jun....	13507	13681	41.6	41.6	125.5	120.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.4	41.7	96.4	113.0
Aug....	11780	11652	41.1	41.8	98.1	113.4
Sep....	10988	10192	42.4	42.5	124.1	121.0
Oct....	9232	10342	42.0	41.9	123.9	119.6
Nov....	12193	11251	42.3	41.8	130.1	124.2
Dec....	11393	10030	42.2	41.6	117.7	123.0
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.0	129.7	125.2
Feb....	8453	10566	41.9	42.1	129.7	126.4
Mar....	18761*	17534*	42.1	42.0	130.3	125.4
Apr....	12968	10673	42.0	42.0	129.2	124.2
May....	12296	12889	41.8	41.9	129.4	125.3
Jun....	10442	10580	42.1	42.1	130.4	125.3
Jul....	6549	7050	41.3	41.6	104.3	122.3
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

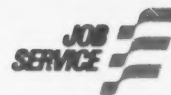
	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1972	31,800,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1973	21,700,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1974	8,500,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1975	203,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1976	137,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1977	75,000,000
				1978	37,000,000
				1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000		
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1977	27,300,000
				1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000	1986	40,187,000
Jan '88	29,855	\$18,603,000	\$ 4,976,000	Loan Repayments	
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000	Via Employer Tax	
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000	Credit Reduction	
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000		
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000		
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000		
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000		
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000		
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	1981	46,537,000
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	1982	49,496,000
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000	1983	53,975,000
Jan '89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000	1984	57,349,000
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000	1985	61,138,000
Mar	32,428	26,006,000	801,000	1986	64,347,000R
Apr	28,016	21,331,000	18,661,000	Total Outstanding	
May	25,007	21,526,000	87,494,000	Loans	
Jun	25,638	18,453,000	1,042,000	(7/31/89)	
Jul	29,660	20,965,000	10,241,000	\$ 0	
Aug					
Sep					
Oct				Ct. UC Trust Fund	
Nov				Reserve - (7/31/89)	
Dec				\$304.5 million	

*Interest bearing

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Connecticut unemployment continued well below the national rate in August, although employment was down slightly from July and personal income rose again to a new high, State Labor Commissioner Betty L. Tianti announced.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment totaled 1,681,300 or 8,700 fewer jobs than in July (Page 2), but 20,600 more than a year before. Manufacturing employment was down 5,500 for the month, with jobs in fabricated metals and transportation equipment reduced the most and apparel, food and primary metals showing the largest gains. Nonmanufacturing dropped by 3,200 jobs, with the largest declines, all 1.4 percent, recorded in general merchandise retailing, educational services and government. Monthly job increases occurred in construction, hotels and business services. Of the 15 labor market areas, seven recorded decreases in employment and eight had increases.

The average workweek in factories was up slightly to 41.5 hours (Page 3), average weekly earnings at \$463.97 were down \$1.89 and average hourly earnings were off 10-cents at \$11.18. Both, however, were higher than August 1988's \$441 weekly and \$10.73 hourly rates. Straight-time earnings in August totaled \$10.74 an hour and \$429.60 a week, up 3.9% from last year. The New Britain labor market area's \$505.13 average manufacturing weekly pay led the state (Page 6). Construction workers continued to earn the highest weekly wage, \$683.50, followed by those producing chemicals, \$578.99, and transportation equipment, \$528.80 (Page 3).

Unemployment: The jobless rate was 3.7 percent of the labor force in August, with 4,400 more jobless than in July when the rate was 3.4 percent (Page 4) and the seasonally adjusted rate moved from 3.2 to 3.6 percent. Connecticut's actual and adjusted figures remained far below the national rates of 5.1 and 5.2, respectively. Of the 15 labor areas, all except Waterbury recorded increased unemployment. Included in the jobless estimate are people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or re-entering the work force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy (Page 7), personal income reached a record \$5.728-billion, new automobile registrations more than doubled and the average workweek and manufacturing output improved.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Aug. 1989(P)	July 1989(R)	Aug. 1988(R)	% Change Aug. '89 over July '89	% Change Aug. '89 over Aug. '88
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,681,300*	1,690,000*	1,660,700*	- 0.5	+ 1.2
Manufacturing.....	358,000*	363,500*	361,900*	- 1.5	- 1.1
Durable.....	265,700*	271,300*	268,500*	- 2.1	- 1.0
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,600	6,600	7,200	0.0	- 8.3
Primary Metals.....	12,700	12,500	13,100*	+ 1.6	- 3.1
Fabricated Metals.....	38,800*	40,200*	42,100*	- 3.5	- 7.8
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,000	48,200	47,300	- 2.5	- 0.6
Electrical Equipment....	44,700	44,500	47,300	+ 0.4	- 5.5
Transportation Equipment	79,300	82,100	73,200*	- 3.4	+ 8.3
Instruments & Clocks....	24,000	24,200	24,500	- 0.8	- 2.0
Other Durable.....	12,600	13,000	13,800	- 3.1	- 8.7
Nondurable.....	92,300	92,200	93,400	+ 0.1	- 1.2
Food.....	11,600	11,300	11,800	+ 2.7	- 1.7
Textiles.....	3,100	3,100	3,300	0.0	- 6.1
Apparel.....	6,000	5,800	6,300	+ 3.4	- 4.8
Paper.....	9,200	9,200	9,400	0.0	- 2.1
Printing & Publishing...	28,200	28,300	28,300	- 0.4	- 0.4
Chemicals.....	21,600	21,700	21,400	- 0.5	+ 0.9
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	11,000	11,200	11,300	- 1.8	- 2.7
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,323,300*	1,326,500*	1,298,800	- 0.2	+ 1.9
Construction & Mining....	83,500	82,900	86,000	+ 0.7	- 2.9
Transportation.....	40,100*	40,000*	39,200	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	17,500	17,400	16,700	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
Other Transportation....	22,600*	22,600*	22,500	0.0	+ 0.4
Communications.....	18,000	18,200	19,100	- 1.1	- 5.8
Utilities.....	12,700	12,800	13,100	- 0.8	- 3.1
Trade.....	390,100	390,100	377,800	0.0	+ 3.3
Wholesale.....	90,800	90,700	89,100	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Retail.....	299,300	299,400	288,700	0.0	+ 3.7
General Merchandise....	35,900	36,400	34,300	- 1.4	+ 4.7
Food Stores.....	52,500	52,300	50,300	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
Auto Dlr. & Gas Sta...	34,600	34,500	33,200	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
Restaurants.....	78,200	78,300	78,200	- 0.1	0.0
Other Retail Trade....	98,100	97,900	92,700	+ 0.2	+ 5.8
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	156,600	156,900	155,700	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Banking.....	36,000	36,100	35,700	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Insurance.....	79,700	80,000	80,700	- 0.4	- 1.2
Real Estate.....	17,200	17,200	17,100	0.0	+ 0.6
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	23,700	23,600	22,200	+ 0.4	+ 6.8
Services.....	421,700	422,200	410,300	- 0.1	+ 2.8
Hotels.....	14,400	14,300	13,600	+ 0.7	+ 5.9
Personal Services.....	20,100	20,100	19,200	0.0	+ 4.7
Business Services.....	91,900	91,300	93,100	+ 0.7	- 1.3
Health Services.....	125,900	125,900	121,200	0.0	+ 3.9
Law & Professional.....	40,700	40,700	37,400	0.0	+ 8.8
Educational Services....	34,200	34,700	33,400	- 1.4	+ 2.4
Other Services.....	94,500	95,200	92,400	- 0.7	+ 2.3
Government.....	200,600	203,400	197,600	- 1.4	+ 1.5
Federal.....	26,000	26,100	25,800	- 0.4	+ 0.8
State & Local.....	174,600	177,300	171,800	- 1.5	+ 1.6

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes. (P) Preliminary (R) Revised

Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. 1989	July 1989(R)	Aug. 1989	July 1989(R)	Aug. 1989	July 1989(R)	Aug. 1988(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)							
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	\$463.97	\$465.86	\$441.00	41.5	41.3	41.1	\$11.18
Lumber & Furniture.....	474.85	474.66	447.95	41.8	41.6	41.4	11.36
Primary Metals.....	360.77	360.90	358.49	39.3	39.4	40.1	9.18
Fabricated Metals.....	521.84	510.79	482.05	47.7	46.1	44.8	10.94
Machinery.....	459.14	445.37	437.14	42.2	41.2	42.4	10.88
Electrical Equipment.....	504.22	504.82	477.28	42.3	43.0	42.2	11.92
Transportation Equipment.....	392.08	397.82	379.36	41.8	41.7	40.4	9.38
Instruments and Clocks.....	528.80	538.53	505.38	39.7	40.4	39.7	13.32
Other Durable Mfg.....	489.72	479.09	455.95	44.0	42.7	43.3	11.13
	405.38	414.12	375.58	39.9	40.6	38.8	10.16
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	435.49	436.29	421.54	40.7	40.1	40.3	10.70
Food.....	416.52	417.52	401.17	40.4	39.5	40.4	10.31
Textiles.....	351.19	354.38	341.65	40.6	40.5	40.1	8.65
Apparel.....	269.19	264.42	245.52	38.9	37.4	36.7	6.92
Paper.....	503.58	501.76	471.50	43.6	42.2	41.8	11.55
Printing and Publishing.....	424.49	432.06	437.24	37.4	37.9	38.9	11.89
Chemicals.....	578.99	562.46	534.38	43.5	42.1	43.2	11.35
Rubber and Misc. Plastics.....	376.74	380.99	363.49	41.4	41.5	39.9	13.31
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	333.89	332.87	345.80	38.6	39.3	38.0	9.10
	683.50	687.12	660.97	39.6	40.3	40.6	8.65
CONSTRUCTION.....							17.26
							17.05
							16.28

(R) Revised

UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	August 1989(P)		July 1989(R)		August 1988(R)	
		Percent of Labor Force**		Percent of Labor Force**		Percent of Labor Force**
	Number		Number		Number	
Ct. State Totals* Actual	67,900	3.7	63,500	3.4	60,800	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.6)		(3.2)		(3.4)
Ct. Statistical Areas						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	11,500	4.8	11,400	4.7	10,200	4.3
Bristol.....	1,700	4.2	1,600	3.8	1,500	4.0
Danbury.....	3,800	3.3	3,700	3.1	3,500	3.0
Danielson.....	2,700	6.3	2,000	5.9	1,600	4.8
Hartford.....	14,900	3.4	13,100	2.9	13,600	3.1
Middletown.....	1,800	3.2	1,600	2.8	1,600	2.9
Lower River.....	600	3.2	500	2.6	500	2.7
New Britain.....	3,300	4.4	2,900	3.8	2,800	3.7
New Haven.....	10,600	3.6	9,800	3.3	9,400	3.3
New London/Norwich*..	5,000	3.7	4,600	3.4	4,800	3.6
Norwalk.....	2,200	2.6	2,100	2.5	2,100	2.5
Stamford.....	3,000	2.5	2,800	2.3	2,800	2.4
Torrington.....	1,800	3.5	1,800	3.3	1,600	3.0
Waterbury.....	4,900	4.7	5,300	5.1	4,500	4.4
Willimantic.....	800	3.0	800	2.8	700	2.6
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	6,352,000	5.1	6,736,000	5.3	6,659,000	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.2)		(5.2)		(5.6)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

(P) Preliminary (R) Revised

* U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS *				
* Aug. '89 July '89 Aug. '88 *				
* 1967=100..... 373.1 372.7 356.6 *				
* 1982-84=100..... 124.6 124.4 119.0 *				
* Percent Change From.... xxx + 0.2 + 4.7 *				

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Aug. '89	Jul. '89	Aug. '88(R)	Percent Change to Aug. '88 from:	
				Jul. '89	Aug. '88
<u>BRIDGEPORT-MILFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	200,050	201,090	200,440	- 0.5	- 0.2
Manufacturing	53,870	54,540	56,700	- 1.2	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	146,180	146,550	143,740	- 0.3	+ 1.7
<u>BRISTOL</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	27,150	27,130	25,870	+ 0.1	+ 4.9
Manufacturing	7,680	7,610	7,640	+ 0.9	+ 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	19,470	19,520	18,230	- 0.3	+ 6.8
<u>DANBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	83,280	83,220	82,630	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	23,920	23,820	23,980	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	59,360	59,400	58,650	- 0.1	+ 1.2
<u>DANIELSON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,990	21,590	22,390	+ 1.9	- 1.8
Manufacturing	7,350	6,960	8,040	+ 5.6	- 8.6
Nonmanufacturing	14,640	14,630	14,350	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
<u>HARTFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	484,910*	488,970*	479,980*	- 0.8	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	85,880*	89,060*	87,300*	- 3.6	- 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	399,030*	399,910*	392,680	- 0.2	+ 1.6
<u>MIDDLETOWN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	48,620	49,160	47,520	- 1.1	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	8,850	9,470	9,230	- 6.5	- 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	39,770	39,690	38,290	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
<u>LOWER RIVER</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,550	15,400	15,030	+ 1.0	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	4,640	4,430	4,690	+ 4.7	- 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	10,910	10,970	10,340	- 0.5	+ 5.5
<u>NEW BRITAIN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	64,830	65,320	63,640	- 0.8	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	17,220	17,870	18,050	- 3.6	- 4.6
Nonmanufacturing	47,610	47,450	45,590	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
<u>NEW HAVEN</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	264,590	265,250	258,650	- 0.2	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	46,560	47,180	46,830	- 1.3	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	218,030	218,070	211,820	- 0.0	+ 2.9
<u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH**</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	120,390	120,280	111,660*	+ 0.1	+ 7.8
Manufacturing	31,680	31,690	25,510*	- 0.1	+ 24.2
Nonmanufacturing	88,710	88,590	86,150*	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
<u>NORWALK</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,480	73,400	73,260	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	17,290	17,060	18,480	+ 1.3	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	56,190	56,340	54,780	- 0.3	+ 2.6
<u>STAMFORD</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	127,550	127,810	127,040	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	21,700	21,660	22,890	+ 0.2	- 5.2
Nonmanufacturing	105,850	106,150	104,150	- 0.3	+ 1.6

**AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)**

Statistical Area	Aug. '89	Jul. '89	Aug. '88(R)	Percent Change to Aug. 1989 from:	
				Jul. '89	Aug. '88
<u>TORRINGTON</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	35,010	34,550	34,600	+ 1.3	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	7,820	7,650	7,770	+ 2.2	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	27,190	26,900	26,830	+ 1.1	+ 1.3
<u>WATERBURY</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	87,180	84,400	86,980	+ 3.3	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	22,290	19,490	23,360	+ 14.4	- 4.6
Nonmanufacturing	64,890	64,910	63,620	- 0.0	+ 2.0
<u>WILLIMANTIC</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	21,620	21,800	21,400	- 0.8	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	1,930	1,950	2,040	- 1.0	- 5.4
Nonmanufacturing	19,690	19,850	19,360	- 0.8	+ 1.7

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+0.0/-0.0 Change is less than 0.05 percent.

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

**EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA
MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1989	Jul. 1989	Aug. 1988	Aug. 1989	Jul. 1989	Aug. 1988	Aug. 1989	Jul. 1989	Aug. 1988
Bridgeport	\$460.80	\$477.17	\$441.17	40.0	41.1	39.8	\$11.52	\$11.61	\$11.16
Hartford	494.43	500.22	463.50	41.1	42.0	41.2	12.03	11.91	11.25
New Britain	505.13	489.70	463.68	42.2	41.5	41.4	11.97	11.80	11.20
New Haven	435.08	438.34	409.85	40.7	40.4	40.3	10.69	10.85	10.17
Stamford	496.93	509.57	505.00	41.9	41.7	40.4	11.86	12.22	12.50
Waterbury	445.17	427.63	425.64	42.6	41.0	43.3	10.45	10.43	9.83

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1988							
Jan....	1642.9	1666.7	5713	3443	3.4	3.1	\$5273.4
Feb....	1645.0	1672.5	3286	3380	3.3	2.9	5318.1
Mar....	1661.2	1678.5	2424	3188	2.9	2.7	5322.3
Apr....	1673.6	1672.0	2596	3237	2.6	2.7	5316.5
May....	1677.7	1669.8	2331	3173	2.4	2.5	5329.1
Jun....	1695.5	1671.8	2971	3244	3.2	3.0	5352.3
Jul....	1665.8	1673.4	5278	3532	3.3	3.2	5367.4
Aug....	1660.7	1675.0	3020	3343	3.4	3.4	5419.4
Sep....	1676.6	1674.5	1947	3321	2.7	2.9	5425.5
Oct....	1688.4	1677.6	2666	3783	2.7	3.0	5467.8
Nov....	1700.1	1681.7	2645	3412	2.7	3.0	5523.1
Dec....	1709.2	1684.4	6312	3756	3.3	3.4	5560.9
1989							
Jan....	1673.5	1697.3	5681	3424	3.7	3.2	5601.7
Feb....	1670.7	1699.6	4000	4115	3.5	3.2	5638.3
Mar....	1680.6	1697.6	3103	4083	3.0	2.9	5642.5
Apr....	1689.5	1687.8	3710	4626	2.9	3.1	5630.2
May....	1694.7	1686.3	2908	3956	2.9	3.2	5646.0
Jun....	1709.1	1685.5	4205	4591	3.4	3.5	5667.0
Jul....	1690.0(R)	1698.5(R)	5611	3756	3.4	3.2	5693.6(R)
Aug....	1681.3(P)	1696.6(P)	4153	4599	3.7	3.6	5727.5(P)
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work-		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1988						
Jan....	11903	13824	42.2	42.1	128.0	123.6
Feb....	11959	14947	41.5	41.7	125.1	121.9
Mar....	25076*	23432*	41.8	41.7	126.5	121.8
Apr....	19924	16400	41.7	41.7	126.0	121.1
May....	14189	14866	41.5	41.6	125.8	121.7
Jun....	13507	13681	41.6	41.6	125.5	120.6
Jul....	8854	9528	41.4	41.7	96.4	113.0
Aug....	11780	11652	41.1	41.8	98.1	113.4
Sep....	10988	10192	42.4	42.5	124.1	121.0
Oct....	9232	10342	42.0	41.9	123.9	119.6
Nov....	12193	11251	42.3	41.8	130.1	124.2
Dec....	11393	10030	42.2	41.6	117.7	123.0
1989						
Jan....	7721	8967	42.1	42.0	129.7	125.2
Feb....	8453	10566	41.9	42.1	129.7	126.4
Mar....	18761*	17534*	42.1	42.0	130.3	125.4
Apr....	12968	10673	42.0	42.0	129.2	124.2
May....	12296	12889	41.8	41.9	129.4	125.3
Jun....	10442	10580	42.1	42.1	130.4	125.3
Jul....	6549	7050	41.3	41.6	104.3	122.3
Aug....	14292	14136	41.5	42.2	105.8	122.3
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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* Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loans	
1974	49,255	163,258,000	124,859,000	1972	31,800,000
				1973	21,700,000
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000	1974	8,500,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1975	203,000,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1976	137,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1977	75,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1978	37,000,000
				1983	63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	Direct Loan	
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	Repayments	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000		
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	1976	\$ 26,000,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	1977	27,300,000
				1978	37,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1979	39,600,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1984	30,876,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1985	32,930,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000	1986	40,187,000
Jan '88	29,855	\$18,603,000	\$ 4,976,000		
Feb	27,794	20,447,000	18,143,000		
Mar	24,706	19,543,000	694,000		
Apr	19,890	13,396,000	22,221,000		
May	17,413	13,159,000	90,012,000		
Jun	17,848	13,042,000	1,156,000	Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction	
Jul	21,749	13,026,000	11,005,000		
Aug	22,277	16,907,000	33,042,000		
Sep	17,137	11,130,000	846,000	1975	\$ 12,906,000
Oct	16,011	11,801,000	6,644,000	1981	46,537,000
Nov	17,480	13,703,000	19,397,000	1982	49,496,000
Dec	21,049	15,087,000	520,000	1983	53,975,000
				1984	57,349,000
Jan '89	32,988	27,185,000	4,492,000	1985	61,138,000
Feb	32,590	24,145,000	16,659,000	1986	64,352,000R
Mar	32,428	26,006,000	801,000		
Apr	28,016	21,331,000	18,661,000	Total Outstanding	
May	25,007	21,526,000	87,494,000	Loans	
Jun	25,638	18,453,000	1,042,000	(8/31/89)	
				\$ 0	
Jul	29,660	20,965,000	10,241,000		
Aug	30,687	22,836,000	28,056,000		
Sep					
Oct				Ct. UC Trust Fund	
Nov				Reserve - (8/31/89)	
Dec				\$315.7 million	

*Interest bearing

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